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Editorials

(1) Modifying AAA

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 8/13. \* \* \* Many of the objections to AAA would not have arisen now if it had been made more clear from the first that what the Administration proposes is an adjustment of farm yields and not a curtailment; if farmers had been paid to produce some crop other than the staple commodity being grown in surplus. This actually has happened through the planting of forage crops, permitted as the result of drought. Had AAA more vigorously avowed this adjustment goal at first it would be in a stronger position today. (15298\*)

(2) Eastern press reveals ignorance again.

WICHITA BEACON. ID. 8/17. \* \* \* The Eastern capitalistic press, always provincial in the extreme, is exhibiting an especially obnoxious attitude, revealing profound ignorance of the vast farming regions of America without which the Atlantic seaboard would perish for lack of food, Eastern industry crippled, the commerce of the East knocked into a cocked hat by absence of western markets for products of factories and mills. (15347\*)

(3) Again Mr. Wallace is blunt.

WALL ST. JOURNAL. I. 8/21. Whether one shares or rejects Secy Wallace's convictions as to the necessity of holding our agricultural production in check, one cannot help liking the man for his blunt candor. What other member of the Administration group, of high or low station in it, is as ready as he to speak right out in meeting, to call a spade a spade instead of "an experimental instrumentality for conferring the more abundant life upon countless generations to come"? At Rockford, Ill., Mr. Wallace spoke extemporaneously. It is a pity that his address is not available in verbatim text. \* \* \* Whatever estimates future historians place upon Henry A. Wallace's contribution to his times, they will assuredly not omit to record that he had the courage to tell his compatriots that it was no Utopia they dwelt in; that efforts to make it seem about to become one were something worse than futile. (831668)

(4) What is the objective?

MADISON, WIS. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 8/16. \* \* \* Responsible business leaders, many of them not unfriendly to the "new deal", have protested against the uncertainty, not because they object to any one thing that the Administration is doing but because they would like a definite expression of objectives and means of attaining them. Business, as well as agriculture, is willing to adjust its plant and its methods to meet new conditions, but it cannot operate on shifting sands. In the beginning, the "new deal" necessarily started out on many uncharted paths, but it cannot proceed indefinitely by taking one step ahead and another back every time it seems expedient. The course will have to be laid out eventually. \* \* \* We hear a great deal from the Administration about planned economy. A nation, like an individual, must know what it is planning for, if it is to plan successfully. (831681)



## (1) The middleman.

SAGINAW, MICH. NEWS. I. 8/17. Reports from Washington indicate that the AAA in its campaign to improve conditions relating to agriculture, may proceed more definitely than before against the middleman. \* \* \* If the AAA can make substantial progress in performing the service of distribution at lower cost and without unfairness to anyone it will be entitled to public thanks, but it is not by any means an easy problem. (832677)

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## (2) Hot contest over AAA.

MONTANA STANDARD. D. 8/23. One of the really earnest contests in progress at this time in Washington is the effort of the AAA to justify its record on the one hand and of the critics of that administration to bring about the condemnation of a "managed agriculture" and "controlled production." \* \* \* There are mighty and potent factors on both sides of the AAA argument that is waxing hot in Washington. On one side, endorsing the adjustment Administration with greater enthusiasm than ever, are the farmers, who actually see higher prices for their commodities. \* \* \* On the other hand, those who oppose the AAA plans and policies are declaring that artificially high prices will act as a bar against the American farmer in the export markets, to which he must eventually return if there is to be expansion in the demand for his products; that the advance in prices of farm commodities resulted from the drought and not from the AAA policies; that the public cannot continue to bear the processing taxes; and finally, that the whole program is bringing another high-cost-of-living era at a time when the nation cannot afford such a condition. Certainly the controversy is being waged with determination and the decision will be a major one in the Administration of Secy Wallace and his assistants. (15297\*)

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## (3) More currency would not help.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 8/14. Perhaps it is natural for a man without a job to think that there is not enough money in the country to carry on business. But an arbitrary increase in the supply of money will not help him unless he is able to exchange his labor for it. \* \* \* The theory that an increase in money in circulation will cause a rise in prices and stimulate business does not apply to the American financial system as at present constituted. (15311\*)

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## (4) For or against Roosevelt?

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 8/12. \* \* \* The evident and unusual popularity of President Roosevelt is due to the fact that he has impressed the country as a sincere and earnest man, independent of what are commonly called "the interests" doing his best to help bring the nation back to a recovery. But it is no favor to him blindly to support his policies. Indeed, one of his chief dangers lies in the fact that inevitably he is surrounded, as every President is, with "yes men," who fail to point out the pitfalls. It is of prime importance that the nation should inform itself as to the debit as well as the credit side of the Administration ledger. This cannot be done without a non-partisan, discriminating appraisal of the moves at Washington. (15306\*)

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## (1) Farmers and Bankruptcy.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. JOURNAL. R. 8/21. A review of what has occurred under the Frazier-Lenke farm bankruptcy act says it is proving less objectionable than was predicted at the time it was passed. \* \* \* (833979)

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## (2) Parity and the drought.

BISMARCK TRIBUNE. IR. 8/23. Whether or not the Agricultural Adjustment Administration will be successful will be determined this winter, and by the city people rather than by the farmers. \* \* \* If it can be done, this unrest will be translated into political attacks on the AAA with the avowed intention of doing away with all agricultural planning on the ground that it has worked harm to the consumer and has failed to benefit the producer. \* \* \* But the trend of city opinion can pretty definitely be forecast. The high cost of living has not been an issue in American politics for years, because the city man has been getting all the best of it on a comparative basis. But, now that the situation has changed, it is a cry which will attract votes. If the farm country wants to continue the AAA, either in its present or any other form, it had better take a look at the situation which now is beginning to develop and prepare to act accordingly. (15296\*)

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## (3) Overplayed drought.

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. SUN. R. 8/24. Drought is no joke. It is a serious matter. But the recent survey of the Standard Statistics Company says the late drought has been overplayed as a factor in next winter's business. \* \* \* The farmers in the most severely drought-ridden districts will suffer no less because of these statistics. But it is comforting even for them to know that the country as a whole is not so bad off as it seemed. It contributes to courage. And courage, at present, is the quality most needed in all sections if the country is to recover its rightful strength. (834775)

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## (4) Drought-AAA set-to.

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER. ID. 8/14. (Dale Cox) \* \* \* Modification seems certain. Despite all this AAA defense, Secy Henry A. Wallace has announced there will be a big modification of the program next year because of the drought. Here and there someone predicts a food shortage if crop reduction is not stopped. But more foreboding than all this to the AAA is the widespread feeling in the drought area that the drought is a divine visitation in punishment for the slaughter of little pigs, the plowing under of cotton and the destruction of crops. That is something Washington will find hard to combat. (15307\*)

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## (5) Drought as a foreign trade adjuster.

N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/27. The extensive drought this year is not only helping to attain the goal of higher prices for agricultural products so much desired by the Administration, it also seems likely to effect desirable adjustments in our foreign trade. In several instances, normally heavy favorable balances of trade with individual countries are likely to be reduced, so as to effect a better balance of exports with imports. \* \* \* This adjustment, although likely to be temporary in most instances, will contribute to a revision of our general trade status, to make it conform more nearly to what is normal for a creditor nation. (15315\*)

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Editorials - Pro

## (1) "Money in their pockets".

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 8/29. The significant statement is made in an Associated Press dispatch on business conditions in the agricultural sections of the state that "south Georgians have money in their pockets again and they are buying clothes, opening bank accounts, and riding trains and buses." \* \* \* So far as Georgia is concerned, every indication points to the return of good times with the seasonal revival of business in the fall. (15342\*)

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## (2) The farm problem.

PARSONS SUN, Parsons, Kan. R. 8/13. For 14 years the writer has been talking and writing about the farm problem. It has been, to him, the most serious of economic questions and by far the most important to this section of the USA. \* \* \* The writer is going along with the Wallace crowd not because he believes that it is right in all phases of its program, but because it is the first honest, sincere attempt to solve the problem. When some other group just as sincere and just as intelligent as Henry A. Wallace and his associates can bring forward a plan that is better it will be time enough to turn our back on the present program and go along with the better one. (15344\*)

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## (3) Too much criticism?

DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 8/22. \* \* \* It seems to me that too many of the critics have failed to stop and do very much thinking before they criticized, or their memory is awfully short. \* \* \* In all their rantings and ravings, I have yet to find one constructive criticism or anything that would make anyone believe that they would whole-heartedly get behind anything and try and make a success of it before they would start their haranguing. They fail to advance one feasible counter plan that could be carried out to the benefit of the majority. \* \* \* If all the critics would quit criticizing until they had a really feasible alternative to offer, we certainly would not find such a large number of damning articles in the papers, and the ones that were there would be of a great benefit to everyone that reads instead of stirring their antagonism. (15330\*)

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## (4) Farmers to get \$779,402,000 in AAA pay.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 8/28. \* \* \* (220634)

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## (5) True leadership.

ROSWELL, N. M. DISPATCH. ID. 8/19. \* \* \* Fortunately there was a great leader at the head of the government. The emergency was promptly and adequately met. There will be no suffering if it is within the power of Franklin D. Roosevelt to relieve it. That is the type of leadership the DISPATCH gladly supports. (832925)

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## (6) Farm income goes up.

FT. SMITH, ARK. TIMES-RECORD. D. 8/19. Total farm income in the United States this year will be the largest since 1930, and 29 percent greater than in 1933. \* \* \* The drought is broken in most sections of the country, and we are finding out that we were not hurt as badly as we thought. (831436)

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- (1) A few lucky farmers.

ATLANTIC CITY UNION. I. 8/17. \* \* \* The farmer whose fields were missed by the drought, and who raised a corn crop of normal proportions, is going to cash in handsomely. (831716)

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- (2) Tennesseans in clover.

NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN. D. 8/17. \* \* \* Though West Tennessee is on the fringe of the drought area, the crop condition of the state, as a whole is 106.1 percent of normal. (832928)

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- (3) Something for the farmer.

DAVENPORT, IA. DEMOCRAT. D. 8/23. \* \* \* Things might be a good deal better for the farmer. That they are getting better is a cheerful sign. (835474)

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- (4) AAA has a credit balance.

FREDERICK, OKLA. LEADER. D. 8/15. \* \* \* The farmers' attitude toward the AAA is much like the business men's is to the NRA, and the bankers' to the banking act. These new ideas may have tramped on a few toes, but they have saved the people they were intended to serve from bankruptcy and immensely bettered their conditions. And, taken generally, the people realize it. (831435)

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- (5) Stored grain.

KENOSHA, WIS. NEWS. I. 8/18. \* \* \* Should not something like this be done hereafter with temporarily unmarketable crops? Storing them in bounteous years for honest sale in lean years looks like plain, common sense. (832370)

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- (6) Out of the market.

LINCOLN STAR. I. 8/17. One of the most important of governmental policies is outlined in the statement of officials of the Dept. of Agri. in connection with the program of foreign trade affecting farm products. \* \* \* And with the Roosevelt administration setting its eyes ahead to recapture of foreign trade, there is much of comfort and hope in the future for him. (15323\*)

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- (7) Reasonable crop regulation not so bad.

PUEBLO, COLO. STAR JOURNAL. I. 8/15. \* \* \* Crop reduction is designed to level out the highs and lows of bumper and failure years. It cannot be expected to work perfectly because of unpredictable weather, but it can serve as a partial palliative to what would ordinarily be disorganized and glutted markets or markets which had little to sell and only at extremely high prices. (831736)

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- (8) Crops and the planners.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/13. If the latest crop estimates of the Dept. of Agri. turn out to be correct the nation need not fear a food shortage. \* \* \* One of the merits of the AAA is that it has set up the machinery



in nearly every farm county whereby actual production can be accurately checked and even forecast. This machinery is usually in the hands of farmers or persons in close touch with local farm conditions. If these committees are used not only to clear information to Washington, but also to distribute to the farmers in each county accurate estimates of national and world crop conditions with specific recommendations as to what local plantings may seem desirable, it may be possible through education to enlist the cooperation of the farmers in effective crop control without resorting to penalties or bribes and without having Washington bureaucrats telling Dakota farmers how to operate their farms. Heretofore, the farmers' cooperative movement has occupied itself almost exclusively with selling. There is room for expansion in the application of the cooperative principle to crop planning. This is the American way. (15319\*)

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(1) Turn about.

LINCOLN STAR. I. 8/21. Throughout the East, and particularly in New York City, there is a great deal of indignation and resentment that the Roosevelt Administration in applying its farm program, is sending large sums of money into the corn belt states. \* \* \* To the New Yorkers it amounts to the confiscation of their wealth. They pay, they say, the bulk of the Federal taxes, and since they are the heaviest contributors to the nation's chest it logically follows that the bulk of the relief funds should be spent within their territory. For years, under the guise of the protective tariff policy, the industrial East exploited the farming regions. \* \* \* Under this system, everything the farmer bought commanded the prices of the protected market, while the things representing his toil, which constituted his source of income, were sold on the world market. Under this systematic exploitation, the Middle West was bled white. It produced enormously. It was the greatest agricultural empire in all the world. \* \* \* Yet its people working prodigiously, living simply and wholesomely, retaining the ideals so distinctive of America, found themselves falling more and more in debt, fighting a losing battle, confronted with the spectacle of a constantly increasing concentration of wealth in the hands of relatively few people, and in a relatively small section of the United States. \* \* \* Never has the demand been for anything except a fair deal and a just deal. \* \* \* With gratitude in our hearts for a President who had the courage to end the merciless extortion and exploitation of the corn belt, we'll go through a year of disaster, due to drought, with as much, if not more farm income than in some of these difficult years when the industrial bloc was in the saddle. (15349\*)

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Editorials - Con

(2) An expert discusses chaos.

PHILADELPHIA RECORD. I. 8/20. Secy Wallace has a name, if not an answer for the critics of his AAA. All those who oppose it are "advocates of chaos." \* \* \* Yes, Mr. Wallace is an authority on chaos. He invented it. (831683)

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(3) A hard lesson.

SEATTLE, WASH. STAR. I. 7/21. Not even the devastating drought has burned out of the Dept. of Agri. the obviously false notion that the farmer can be made rich by growing less. \* \* \* But right in the face of that plain



lesson, the AAA brain trusters cling to the topsy-turvy theory of destroying crops to produce abundance. The logical extension of such a policy would be official encouragement of arson in order to stimulate building, or throwing wrenches in machinery to stimulate production of capital goods. (835187)

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(1) Like a Frankenstein.

S. BEND, IND. TRIBUNE. R. 8/16. Like a Frankenstein the Federal Government's crop reduction program as administered through the AAA has turned on its creator and promises to cause the greatest disturbance of any of the unrulier of the professorial trust's brain children. \* \* \* If implications of the present Governmental-economic experiment tend to demand more and more Federal agencies one wonders if the scope of Governmental control and activity will ever reach a limit without wiping out democracy. (832364)

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(2) Dr. Tugwell again.

BOSTON HERALD. R. 8/14. Have you heard about the "victimization of farmers by manufacturers and merchants?" Did you know that farmers are subject every day "to such risks as would give a professional Wall Street operator nervous chills?" \* \* \* Dr. Tugwell is indulging in a mischievous activity when he writes and speaks with such animus against the non-agricultural population. He strengthens the suspicion that the case which Dr. Wirt did not prove can be proved. (15308\*)

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(3) Farmers sign away freedom.

DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 8/21. (David Lawrence, Wash.) Drought relief, yes, but at a price. Farmers are beginning to wake up to the fact that what was hailed as a humanitarian act is really a means of compulsion. For, unless a farmer agrees to accept Government control of all his future production, he cannot get the relief money being distributed in the drought area. (15293\*)

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(4) A cotton-belt viewpoint.

WHEELING, W. VA. INTELLIGENCER. R. 8/22. \* \* \* The AAA may attempt to carry through another restriction program despite the lesson of the present year. But in the end it will find an astonishing increase in crop acreage despite its most vigorous efforts. Here's one experiment the New Dealers will not have to drop. The people will drop it for them. (834324)

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(5) Wallace proposes to wed the incompatible.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE. R. 8/22. An economic democracy is now proposed by Secy of Agri. Wallace as a safeguard against a Communistic or Fascist dictatorship. \* \* \* There cannot be two parallel democracies -- economic and political. Wherever the two have been set up, it is the political democracy that has succumbed--either to Sovietism or Fascism. Any scheme for economic democracy in America must fit into our political democracy, as set up in the Constitution of the United States. That document embraces a larger and fuller field of human rights and activities than economics alone. Once it is restricted to the purely materialistic we are not far from Socialism or Syndicalism, under its more modern and respectable name of Fascism. (15338\*)

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## (1) Boom times in Government factories.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. IR. 8/22. Mere samples of a versatile Government's skill in business, it appears, were the Tennessee Valley Authority by which the Administration entered into competition with private power companies, and the Arthurdale subsistence homesteads, which demonstrated the extent to which Government could mismanage a model housing project. \* \* \* In their now feverish haste to manufacture for relief purposes, has it occurred to the Professors that they might long ago, have prepared for such emergencies by conserving what appeared, at that time, to be a food surplus? \* \* \* No socialized industrial project will convince the people that a Government should destroy food while there exist anywhere in the country hungry people to be fed. (832388)

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## (2) Old man "HCL" again.

DAVENPORT, IOWA TIMES. IR. 8/18. \* \* \* With congressional elections coming along in the late fall, if old man "HCL" becomes a subject of table talk there is danger that the Governmental program of crop curtailment will boomerang against Democratic aspirants in urban communities which feel the higher prices yet do not share in the benefits conferred upon the producer. (832325)

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## (3) Test another relief law.

DECATUR, ILL. REVIEW. I. 8/18. \* \* \* The Frazier-Lemke amendment has been widely attacked by mortgage holders, insurance companies and other investment concerns. (831910)

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## (4) New Dealers on wrong track.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 8/19. \* \* \* The New Deal program was inaugurated with the avowed purpose of trying to restore the conditions that prevailed during the periods of great industrial activity. The dollar was slashed almost in the middle as a short cut to higher prices for everybody. Now the President and his aids are alarmed at the possibility of commodity prices going up in response to a shortage, part of which was artificially created by the New Dealers in order to raise those same prices. \* \* \* The weak point in the whole recovery program, and it is fundamental, was in making the mistake that high prices are the reason for prosperity instead of its result. \* \* \* The high prices of a few years ago were the result and not the cause of good times. Business men went ahead confidently. There were expansion and development in all lines. \* \* \* A policy that would restore confidence and get our billions of idle money back into action, would promptly dispose of the better wage and price problem. The goal can not be attained on the fallacious theory that prices can be forced up artificially and demand will result automatically. (831738)

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## (5) Mr. Wallace revives a bogeyman.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. IR. 8/21. When Secy Wallace suggests the creation of a "National Economic Council" to coordinate the activities of NRA and AAA and thus, in some mysterious manner, avert the danger of a dictatorship, he is at least being entertaining. \* \* \* The country is not likely to be favorably impressed by Mr. Wallace's "National Economic Council."



Probably there has already been enough extra-Governmental rule under the name of emergency. The United States needs no super-Government of economic theorists with their myriad bureaucratic satellites. It needs, more than anything else, a return to the basic principles of the Government of the Founders, which sought, quoting the "resilient" Constitution, to "secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity." (831665)

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(1) An "economic council".

NEW YORK CITY TIMES. ID. 8/21. In fertility of ideas Secy Wallace is second to none, in or out of the Brain Trust. His latest proposal is for a "National Economic Council" to coordinate the activities of the NRA and the AAA. \* \* \* The only way in which the essential AAA and NRA programs could really be reconciled would be by the abandonment of one or the other. The only kind of council that could affect such a reconciliation would be one with legislative powers. And if ever such a council were to get itself established, the bickerings between the laborer and the manufacturer representatives, and between the farmer and the banker representatives, and between all of them and the consumer representative, would surely lead to a demand that the council in turn be superseded by one man. \* \* \* For this reason Planned Economy will always tend to develop into Dictatorship. (831666)

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(2) An economic democracy.

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE. I. 8/21 \* \* \* Whether a "national economic council" could contribute anything toward reconciling the NRA and the AAA there is ample reason to doubt. Congress has heretofore been the basic organization in which these groups have struggled to "co-ordinate" their differences. Setting up another Congress, deliberately attempting to represent the various economic interests of the country, is likely to run into the same difficulties which have always beset a politically constituted Congress. (15292\*)

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News Columns

(3) Raise farm supply prices.

ANSONIAN, Ansonia, Ohio. 8/23. Prices of farm supplies are going up, and an analysis of the rise in these prices shows that it is due in part to higher handling charges, according to Silas Vance, manager of the Ohio Farm Bureau Service Company, Columbus. \* \* \* "Here's one of many instances showing the paramount need for representation of organized agriculture at code hearings to present the farmers' side of the question," the farm bureau official stated. (15329\*)

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(4) Effect of drought on business doubtful.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 7/30. (New York, AP) The first month of the last half of 1934 closes in the grip of the expected summer lull in industry and commerce, but the recession appears to have been less severe in several directions than expected. (15299\*)



- (1) Nebraska farms carrying 62 percent tax burden.  
LINCOLN STAR. I. 8/22. Agricultural land alone makes 55 percent of assessment. (15336\*)
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- (2) Relief plans link factory with farms.  
HARTFORD, CONN. COURANT. R. 8/18. State rural rehabilitation program looks into combining agriculture and industry. (216561)
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- (3) Signs of recovery noted in Canada.  
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 8/18. Dominion Economic index held to higher average in July than June. \* \* \* Country believed heading toward planned economy--urged by Western leaders. (15309\*)
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News Columns - Pro

- (4) Typical farmer views future with high hope.  
DENVER POST. I. 8/11. (Waterloo, Neb., U.P.) (15321\*)
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- (5) Use Frazier-Lemke law.  
KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 8/21. Many Kansas farmers and home owners are aided. (15327\*)
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- (6) Iowa farmers' buying power much improved.  
DAVENPORT, IA. DEMOCRAT. D. 8/17. (15346\*)
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- (7) Farm prices surge to new three-year peaks.  
DES MOINES REGISTER. I. 8/16. Prices of Iowa farm products have been moving upward the last few weeks as the effects of the drought and the Government reduction program on supplies of grain and livestock have been felt. (216537)
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- (8) Farmers paying old debts with Government loans.  
JACKSON, MICH. CITIZEN PATRIOT. I. 8/19. (215192)
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- (9) Farm income will increase billion in 1934.  
WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/28. Higher prices and benefit payments combine to aid growers. (220635)
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- (10) Farm buying power mounts.  
SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 8/28. 15-point increase in South Dakota is reported. (15341\*)
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(1) After the New Deal.  
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/13. Immediate buying of durable goods is predicted. (15310\*)

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(2) Soil erosion projects now cover State.  
DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 8/23. (15314\*)

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(3) 16,000 hear bureau leader defend AAA.  
BLOOMINGTON, ILL. PANTAGRAPH. IR. 8/18. Edward A. O'Neal National Farm President speaks at Livingston event. (15294\*)

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News Columns - Con

(4) Move under way for abandoning processing tax.  
LINCOLN JOURNAL AND STAR. ID. 8/19. Three senators would suspend it on wheat, cotton--Wallace opposed. (15324\*)

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(5) Schall attacks New Deal as farmer's foe.  
CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 8/22. (Wash. Special). Says it broke rise of wheat. (15295\*)

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(6) Farm relief plans called debauching.  
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 8/17. Professor Burkett says quack agricultural doctors got ideas from Russia. The Federal Government's farm relief projects have undermined the farmers' manhood and debauched agriculturists, according to an article by Professor C. E. Burkett in the Annalist. (15313\*)

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(7) Drought proving tough problem for Washington.  
LINCOLN STAR. I. 8/19. (Wash. AP) (By Byron Price) Consequent price rise upsets Administration economic planners. The western drought, that unbidden guest at the council table, spoke with increasing insistence this week to Washington's economic planners. (15325\*)

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FOOD PRICESEditorials

(8) Food is no plaything.  
SHEBOYGAN, WIS. PRESS. I. 8/18. \* \* \* When profit is created for a selfish few speculators who use their ill-gotten gains for further forages on the public pocketbook, then it is time the Government called a halt. The poor man's bread must not be the gambler's plaything. (832352)

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## (1) No food shortage.

ST. PAUL, MINN. NEWS. I. 8/18 \* \* \* We can not afford, even for a short time, to permit speculators to get technical corners in the commodity and produce markets that will cause artificial skyrocketing of prices. Even at prices lower than those that have existed, the purchasing power of too many people is still below the level required for bare subsistence. (832358)

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## (2) Press favors continuance of A.A.A. crop regulation.

UNITED STATES NEWS. 8/27. In the midst of the efforts of the Federal Administration to prevent profiteering in food, the most conspicuous issue raised is as to the responsibility of the Government for the conditions leading to high food prices. On this, newspaper opinion is divided: Put blame on farm policy, 48 percent; hold to indorsement of crop curtailment despite scarcity of food, 52 percent. It is held by many papers that the Government now has power sufficient to prevent profiteering. (15317\*)

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## (3) The drought and prices.

CITIZEN-PATRIOT, Jackson, Mich. I. 8/17. \* \* \* And whatever the percentage of increase in prices, the city consumer is in for it. He shares with the farmers of the drought areas the burden of the contemporary disaster. (832331)

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## (4) War on profiteers.

NEWARK, N.J. STAR-EAGLE. IR. 8/17. President Roosevelt is prepared, he says, for forceful action against any trend toward exorbitant food prices as a result of the drought. \* \* \* That is what the country has a right to expect. Whatever the New Deal has done it has not ended selfishness. It has substituted for the selfishness of manufacturers, each trying to outsell the other--thus raising the standard of living of the American people to a point never before attained--the selfishness of public pensioners conniving to divide the lot of the hapless taxpayers into such portions as will do their petty personal ambitions the most good. (831691)

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## (5) The farmer's good claim.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 8/15. \* \* \* But if there were to be any attempt to check the natural rise of farm prices as a result of the drought scarcity, on the grounds of keeping the cost of living down, it would be hotly and properly resented by the farm population. \* \* \* Now comes scarcity, and the value of farm produce is going up. The farmer has not much to sell, but for that which he does have, he has a right to the new values which the urgent demand creates. (15318\*)

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## (1) Purchasing power.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. TRIBUNE. R. 8/17. \* \* \* Individual purchasing power would seem to be the yardstick by which parties and candidates are measured--- not mere wages, not mere prices, but the relationship between the two, the amount of worldly goods which a man can buy. The present Administration knows this, and that is why, beneath all their reassurances of adequate food supply for next year, there is an unspoken fear of what prices will be. Various plans have been mentioned to prevent profiteering, just as they have been, with equal futility, suggested in the past. But there is no power on earth which can overturn the natural laws of supply and demand. \* \* \* There is bound to be a sharp revaluation of the present Administration's recovery program, and the shrunken pocketbook will be the deciding factor. (831686)

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## (2) Land of milk and honey.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. I. 8/15. There is a class of people who are happiest when they can find something to make themselves and their neighbors feel miserable. Those people are at work now envisioning a food shortage. However, their fears are as foolish as they are unfounded, for the national food production is sufficient for all needs. (15320\*)

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Editorials - Pro

## (3) President calls halt on food profiteers.

ALLENTOWN, PA. CALL. I. 8/18. President Roosevelt's declaration that there shall be no profiteering in foodstuffs with resultant distressing rise of prices for the people of the country is going to be welcomed, for while there has been a desire for a return to a higher price level, for generally useful economic reasons, any price rise should be parallel with wages. (831690)

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## (4) Timely warning.

UTICA, N.Y. OBSERVER-DISPATCH. I. 8/17. \* \* \* It is a timely and necessary act on the part of President Roosevelt to give warning that the Government will exercise its full and competent authority to protect the country against excessive rise in prices of commodities. (831700)

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## (5) Food profiteers are warned.

ATLANTIC CITY UNION. I. 8/17. \* \* \* But the President has already warned that profiteering and speculation in foodstuffs will not be countenanced. Having the means and the will to do it, it needs but one flagrant case of unconscionable conduct to crack down and put emphasis behind the warning. (831693)

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## (6) Growing food prices eyed.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. PANTAGRAPH. IR. 8/21. (Wash. AP) Merchants promise to aid in halting producer-to-consumer spread. (15291\*)

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## (1) Food prices..

SPRINGFIELD, O. SUN. ID. 8/17. \* \* \* The Administration has the situation so well in hand and is so watchful and so careful of the public interest that there is no reason to suppose that there will be any suffering in this country during the coming winter either because of actual scarcity of food or because of exorbitant prices. (832334)

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## (2) Preventing profiteering.

FLINT, MICH. JOURNAL. I. 8/17. \* \* \* Naturally, it is hoped that the government will not have to take extreme steps as it did during the World War, which involved fixing minimum prices--a course which inevitably brings its own crop of troubles. Indirect control of prices is almost as difficult to wield, however, because it would still bring a flood of questions on what constitutes profiteering. Thus, prevention of profiteering, if it reaches the point of becoming an active necessity, may offer the Administration more practical worries than the comparatively simple task so far in providing relief for relief sufferers. (832330)

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## (3) Prerogative and profiteers.

SCRANTON, PA. REPUBLICAN. R. 8/17. \* \* \* There is no reason for excessive rise in prices, nor for profiteers to take advantage of exploited calamity to gouge the public. Government prerogative is watchful; it is prepared; it has served notice. (831713)

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## (4) Fighting food profiteers.

JOURNAL. E. St. Louis, Ill. I. 8/19. Plans to fight profiteering or "gouging" as it is now called, in the sale of foodstuffs are being laid by the U. S. Dept. of Agri. \* \* \* Holding up food prices is one of the greatest crimes against society. In Russia there is a death penalty for cornering a market. Here we see how "regimentation" is aiding both the farmer and the food-buying public at the expense of the profiteer. (832342)

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Editorials - Con

## (5) Increased cost of living laid as much to A.A.A. as to drought.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/16. Mark Sullivan predicts middleman "will be made goat of situation"; effort to delay rise in prices until after elections seen. (15322\*)

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## (6) Politics and prices.

NEWS TRIBUNE, Duluth, Minn. I. 8/21. \* \* \* The aim of the administration, it seems, is to get high prices for the producer at low cost to the consumer. That is something which economic laws never have been able to accomplish. Perhaps the brain trust has a political theory which will supply the solution. Politics has a way of ignoring natural laws. (834142)

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## (1) Prices.

BIRMINGHAM NEWS. ID. 8/26. To the Editor The News: After having squandered hundreds of millions of dollars in an unwise effort to boost prices of food and clothing materials by reducing production at a time when millions are half fed and half clothed, a panic-stricken Administration is now frantically seeking some means by which to lower these same prices. At the same time it stubbornly adheres to its schemes for inflating those prices. (15339\*)

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## (2) The gospel of scarcity.

PEORIA, ILL. TRANSCRIPT. I. 8/18. New Dealers have been taking false comfort recently in the undisputed fact that although crops are short this year, prices are higher. \* \* \* The good news of scarcity and high prices in the long run will turn out to be bad news for the farmer. (832324)

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## (3) Back-tracking.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. JOURNAL. I. 8/16. Having pursued a policy of crop destruction, the Administration in face of continuing reports of the effect of the drought, is now preparing to store up food to meet the lean years that seem to be ahead of us. \* \* \* But the drought seems to have shot controlled production and the plan of destruction and crops and food full of holes, with the certainty that the people will have to pay higher prices for those things on which they depend for subsistence. (832369)

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## (4) No famine.

STAR. Terre Haute, Ind. R. 8/20 \* \* \* If official agencies at Washington keep on issuing assurances that there is not to be a famine, some of us are bound to get the jitters. It sounds too much like whistling through the graveyard. \* \* \* (833506)

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## (5) Avoid price-fixing.

TIMES. Shreveport, La. D. 8/20. \* \* \* We believe that the Administration would do well to begin now devising some substitute means of meeting whatever situations may arise. Price-fixing is not a popular American policy, and since it isn't popular, why waste time trying to inflict it upon the people? We expect that the Administration's answer will be, "there's no sense in trying to at all." (833523)

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## (6) "Profiteering"

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 8/22 \* \* \* Any attempt to enforce licensing provisions in the case of individual sellers in thousands of food markets, each essentially local in character, would seem certain to involve the Government in complications compared with which enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment would seem simplicity itself. (832333)

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## (7) There is a consumer.

NEW HAVEN, CONN. REGISTER. I. 8/19. \* \* \* Perhaps most humorous,



ironically so, is the sudden rush of solicitude for the consumer. Might and main, it appears, are to be strained to protect him from costs that he cannot or may not be able to afford. \* \* \* The whole philosophy of much that has gone on in the late experimentation has rested on higher prices. If the consumer were hurt, he should find solace in the fact that it was but a bit of redistribution for the common weal and encouragement in the possibility that in time his salary might catch up with the climbing prices. (831699)

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(1) Political dynamite.

SYRACUSE HERALD. I. 8/18. A shift in diet for the American people is proposed by Henry A. Wallace, Secy of Agri. as the best means of meeting impending food shortages in certain lines and preventing increases in the cost of living. \* \* \* Yes, but perhaps it is only fair and timely to warn Secy Wallace that in calling upon the American people to shift their diet, he is playing with political dynamite. (831685)

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D A I R Y

Editorials

(2) Planners and fads.

REGISTER, New Haven, Conn. I. 8/21. In its report to the Governor the State Milk Control Board stated that "without the approval of the consumers there is no true market for milk". \* \* \* "Planning" the activities of a nation of a hundred million and more is not the simple affair it sometimes is made out to be. (833182)

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(3) Midwest farmers invited.

SAVANNAH, GA. NEWS. I. 8/19. \* \* \* Georgia is beckoning to countless farmers of the Midwest who understand dairying, who know how to raise good livestock and who know that the South can graze cattle during ten months of the year, and who are ready for a change, owing to their recent sad experiences during the devastating drought. (831746)

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(4) The milk investigation.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 8/20. The milk investigation which the Federal Trade Commission is to launch should produce results of the widest importance both to dairy producers and to consumers. Controversies between distributors, producers and Federal officials last Winter made it clear that there are many features of the industry about which there are great differences of opinion. \* \* \* The apparent wide spread between the price paid farmers and that collected from consumers for dairy commodities in some milk sheds may prove warranted and necessary to maintain an orderly system of distribution. It may prove to be the result of collusion or conspiracy in some other sheds or the consequence of inefficiency or unconscionable profits. (15340\*)



Editorials - Con

- (1) Baldwin charges AAA would usurp control of milk.

KNICKERBOCKER PRESS, Albany, N. Y. R. 8/24. Desire of Washington officials for "power over local affairs", State Agricultural Commissioner Charles H. Baldwin charged, is blocking Federal assistance in helping the state to solve the milk problem. \* \* \* (219596)

- (2) Milk proving hard problem to adjusters.

DAYTON, O. NEWS. ID. 8/25. (By Arthur H. Jenkins) Putting it in general terms, and in no unfriendly spirit, it may be said that the AAA is completely at sea on milk. Some of the AAA enterprises have been, I should say, reasonably successful. That on corn and hogs, in spite of the chorus of criticisms, has already pushed up the prices of these two products, and will push them further, no doubt, as the phenomenally short corn crop begins to take effect in the fall. Perhaps the dry summer may get the chief credit on corn-hog prices; but the AAA must be given a share. Others of the various campaigns have shown some favorable results. But the milk campaign from the very beginning has been one grand headache for everybody. \* \* \* Up to now, the AAA has not been able to satisfy the cow-owners. Anyone who has a practicable scheme for doing it should get Washington on the long distance telephone quick. (220664)

News Columns

- (3) A milk strike threat.

TOPEKA, KAN. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 8/17. Ask Government action. Producers and bottlers marked time as the milk strike threat continued unabated. (215031)

- (4) Milk famine in Midwest looms.

EMPORIA GAZETTE. D. 8/22 (Kansas City, Aug. 22, AP) Mounting prices cause concern among consumers in the drought area--15 cents a quart is predicted cost. \* \* \* Lack of pasture and water, together with cost of grain and hay, boost their expenses,--feed shortage probable. (15335\*)

- (5) Rome in the milk business.

DETROIT NEWS. I. 8/14. Mussolini's public works program has cleaned up swamp lands, breeders of mosquitos and malaria that menaced the health of ancient Romans. Now dairy herds pasturing on the reclaimed lands are setting an example to the world for good dairying and giving the Eternal City perhaps the best milk supply in Europe. (15328\*)

- (6) Pasteurizing milk is held temporary.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 8/17. German expert sees world trend to use of raw product from healthy cows. (15312\*)



News Column - Pro

- (1) Dairy loses plea against AAA pricing of interstate milk.  
FOOD FIELD REPORTER. 8/27. Revocation of Boston dealer's license upheld by Federal Court; farmers get higher prices in drought area. (15304\*)

News Column - Con

- (2) Milk scale protested by dealers.  
LOS ANGELES TIMES. IR. 8/23. Wire to Wallace asserts meeting of Government requirements impossible. (15300\*)

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C O T T O NEditorials

- (3) The Bankhead proposals  
GREENVILLE, S. C. NEWS. ID. 8/17. Of Senator Bankhead's two proposals, that for removal or suspension of the processing tax on cotton would appear to offer the greatest hope for genuine benefit to the cotton farmers and the entire cotton industry. (831428)

- (4) A serious cotton problem.  
NASHVILLE, TENN. BANNER. I. 8/17. \* \* \* The decreasing use of American cotton abroad constitutes one of the most serious and difficult economic problems facing the South, and indeed the country; because the importance of the South's staple as an export makes the question one of moment to the nation. \* \* \* It is said that Secy Wallace is opposed to any price fixing efforts, deeming them economically unsound. He evidently has in mind efforts made by the national administration several years ago to peg the price on wheat. No expression was made in official circles at the capitol as to the response to the suggestions from the Alabama Senator, but the understanding was that they were not regarded with favor. (831994)

- (5) Loans on cotton.  
GREENVILLE, S. C. NEWS. ID. 8/22. The necessity for government loans to farmers of 13 cents a pound on cotton, to offset the adverse market effects of a general strike in the textile industry, may be greatly exaggerated by certain statesmen. (833886)

- (6) Using our cotton seed.  
GREENVILLE, S. C. NEWS. ID. 8/26. In an instructive and interesting article in THE COTTON DIGEST on Oriental markets for American cotton, W. Broeckelmann, who has recently spent several months in the Orient, points out that these foreign cotton producing countries are striving to be



independent of American cotton! In particular, they are increasing cultivation of better staple lengths, which are becoming more popular due to the tendency to spin finer yarns. And "these better staple lengths are attained almost entirely from American seed." China, Korea, and Soviet Russia "are making strenuous efforts to improve the quality of their native cotton and for this purpose, import large quantities of seed from America." \* \* \* Whether or not it is proper for us to seek to deter improvement in cotton growing abroad by refusing to permit the use of our seed is a question for debate. (835166)

#### Editorial - Pro

##### (1) Cotton prosperity.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. OBSERVER. ID. 8/17. "Experts" in New York, according to THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE, are forecasting "a prosperous year" for the cotton farmers in the South--and goodness knows they stand in need of just such a year. (831995)

#### Editorial - Con

##### (2) Pegging cotton.

TRANSCRIPT, HOLYOKE, Mass. I. 8/22. The Government has done what it said never would be done in that it has pegged the price of cotton. \* \* \* By pegging cotton at 12 cents the Government is depressing the market. It can't be worthless. However, it can be worth more-- in fact it is worth more. (834304)

## W H E A T

#### Editorial

##### (3). Keeping the door open.

DEM. & CHRON., Rochester, N.Y. R. 8/22. That the London International Wheat Conference should seek to reduce the export quota for the United States to a mere 10,000,000 bushels, is not important this year, but it has important implications for the future. \* \* \* Nevertheless, it will be important that the record be kept straight that we mean to be in the wheat-exporting business as soon as better weather and idle acres put back to work will permit us. (834578)

#### Editorial - Con

##### (4) Farmers lost \$10,000,000.

NEWS, Buffalo, N.Y. R. 8/20. \* \* \* Not only the drought, but a too drastic curtailment of wheat acreage by the AAA, has cost American farmers about \$10,000,000; for wheat is selling for \$1 a bushel. (833197)



## M I S C E L L A N E O U S

### Editorials - Pro

- (1) AAA conserving seed.

DAVENPORT, IA. TIMES. IE. 8/15. One phase of governmental oversight of agriculture will find general approval. The AAA announces that it is trying to conserve seed stocks for 1935 sowings. Prompt organization to this end reaching into every farming district should be effected. (831432)

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- (2) Our biggest meat packer.

MORNING TIMES, Toledo, Ohio. I. 8/20. The practical methods used by the Federal Government in dealing with a prolonged depression have resulted in many unprecedented uses of hitherto private functions to relieve suffering. The Government, for example becomes the largest meat packer, buying up millions of head of cattle in the drought areas, and having the beef processed for future consumption by the nation's needy. \* \* \* No critic of the Administration can find fault with a plan that seeks to utilize what might otherwise be waste materials. Perhaps therein is to be found the answer to the question of why the masses cling confidently to the present Administration. (833583)

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### News Columns

- (3) Farmers find unique ways to save feed.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 8/24. Unpalatable roughage and leaves of trees provide subsistence for livestock. Pioneer spirit helps drought area survive conditions. Drought stricken farmers of the Great Plains area are proving themselves endowed with the mettle of their pioneer ancestors in their fight against unfavorable conditions this season. (15316\*)

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- (4) Feed prices skyrocket in Syracuse stores.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. Herald. I. 8/19. Drought and silver nationalization bring sharp upswing. (216532)

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- (5) "Save all grass," is advice of Albany paper to farmers.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 8/26. (15301\*)

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### News Columns - Pro

- (6) South Georgia tobacco men are in best financial shape since 1929, survey reveals.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 8/26. (15302\*)

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- (7) High tobacco prices boon to farmers.

FLORIDA TIMES-UNION D. 8/26. South Georgians paying debts and getting new start. (15303\*)

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News Column - Con

(1) Sugar pact is unfair, 37 Hawaiians charge.  
FOOD FIELD REPORTER. 8/27. Injunction suit is filed against Wallace  
to abrogate quotas; Roosevelt to support AAA. (15305\*)



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(1) Sugar pact is unfair, 37 Hawaiians charge.  
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AAA - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

Editorials

- (1) Increased foreign trade.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. 8/21. \*\*\*\*\* Increase in exports measured both by value and volume is very welcome, but we need much more. Idle acres, idle power, machinery and workmen are not producers of wealth. The American standard of living calls for capacity production and a consumption for all that is produced. (15372\*)

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- (2) The Will-o'-the-Wisp of parity.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 8/31. \*\*\*\*\* Unless the Administration stands ready to reduce processing taxes and benefit payments as agricultural prices rise in relation to those of manufactured goods, the whole program falls down. (837066)

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- (3) Toward coordination.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/24. Coordination of the New Deal's ramifying activities is once more pressing for attention at the White House. \*\*\*\*\* Any move to relieve the New Deal of contradictory objectives and to consolidate the forces of recovery would be most welcome. \*\*\*\*\* The time to coordinate, of course, is in the formulation of a program. Comprehensive planning of this sort requires a broad conception of the Nation's problems as a whole. Separate remedies for each distressing situation inevitably result in confusion. \*\*\*\*\* Coordination is the more essential, and to some extent the more difficult, now because of the failure to put consistency in the forefront from the start. (15373\*)

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- (4) Tariffs.

NEW ORLEANS ITEM. I. D. 8/26. \*\*\*\*\* Name one big commercial nation in the world today that shows any disposition to invite imports. The United States can't make world-trade by itself. (15362\*)

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Editorials - Pro

- (5) For the brain trust.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. I. R. 8/23. The partisan critics of the present administration ought either to present a sensible argument against it and present a better program, or shut up! \*\*\*\*\* In the gigantic task of bringing this country out of the depression it is impossible to avoid mistakes. \*\*\*\*\* For the first time in years the common people are really getting a break, and you can bet your last plugged nickel that they are going to stand solidly behind those who gave them that break! (15365\*)

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## (1) The bright side.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 8/20. \*\*\*\*\* The Dun. & Bradstreet weekly trade review estimates that for the country as a whole farm income this year will be 20 to 25 percent higher than a year ago. Even more optimistic is the Standard Statistics Company, whose survey shows that farm income this year will total about \$8,250,000,000 or nearly 30 per cent better than in 1933. \*\*\*\*\* Standard Statistics is fully justified in its conclusion that the adverse effects of the drought upon business generally have been greatly over-emphasized. (15385\*)

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## (2) For a stronger AAA.

SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. R. 8/25. For the benefit of agriculture generally, it is to be hoped other farm organizations will support the attitude of the Farm Bureau Federation in demanding that teeth be supplied the AAA. (835830)

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## (3) Future of co-ops.

SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. R. 8/27. With 3,000,000 farmers cooperating on the various features of the A.A.A., such as the wheat, cotton, corn-hog and other programs, it would seem that the stage has been set for the biggest and most effective cooperative selling organization in all history. (837063)

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## (4) Helping the farmer.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. OBSERVER. I. D. 8/29. \*\*\*\*\* The wide-spread territory over which the rental and benefit payments are laid is evident in the fact that these payments cover every State in the Union and Puerto Rico. (837052)

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## (5) Pledged against profiteering.

SCRANTON, PA. REPUBLICAN. R. 8/28. Associations of food and grocery stores, both independent and chain, are responding to the administration's call to block food profiteering. (836958)

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Editorials - Con

## (6) Unwelcome price rises.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/25. Administration disturbed by effect of its policies. It was only a few months ago that Mr. Roosevelt pledged himself to raise the price of commodities, especially farm products. \*\*\*\*\* Now that the drought has increased the value of farm products, a perfectly natural result, the Administration is disturbed. \*\*\*\*\* The birch tree that sways with each little breeze lacks the stability and strength of the oak! So also does a national leader swayed by varying demands from a sectionalized nation lack ability to inspire faith and confidence. (15368\*)

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## (1) Farmer and new deal.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. I. R. 8/27. \*\*\*\*\* The present program of agriculture reflects less common sense than any ever put over, I will have to admit. But it has the earmarks of being a great vote getter. Look at the funds that are being passed around to the inefficient at the expense of the efficient. Beyond a doubt, no farmer who thinks, is honest and has tried to farm for profit can possibly sign or cooperate with any program outlined by this so-called brain trust. (15361\*)

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## (2) New deal "economics."

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. I. R. 8/21. \*\*\*\*\* The Grand Coulee dam in the Columbia River and extension of navigation were cited as brilliant examples of new deal benefits. \*\*\*\*\* Its waste and extravagance, for which the taxpayers of Indiana will pay their share, may be a monument to new deal politics. Time will determine the fruition of this agricultural dream. It will not be necessary to wait, however, to point out the incongruity of spending Federal dollars to increase production while another department of the government has been working to destroy livestock and plow under cultivated fields. (15369\*)

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## (3) Government spending millions at Muscle Shoals to expand agricultural acreage.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D. ARGUS-LEADER. I. R. 8/28. The government is spending many millions at Muscle Shoals to expand the agricultural acreage. In the Pacific Northwest, many more billions are being spent to reclaim wheat lands. Here in the north Central States we are witnessing the activities of the AAA to curtail production. Such inconsistency is inexcusable. The emergency doesn't justify it. Neither does the rush of affairs at Washington. The conclusion forced upon the unbiased observer is that Washington has no central plan and is merely trying to blunder its way out of an unpleasant position. (837068)

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## (4) Poor coordination.

BALTIMORE SUN. I. D. 8/29. The difficulty of discussing New Deal philosophy in any but an emotional sense is serious enough because of the comparative infrequency with which the capacity for logical processes appears in the human race. (15360\*)

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## (5) Helping the farmers.

ELIZABETH, N. J. JOURNAL. R. 8/29. Meritorious as it may be, the help that is being accorded to the farmers in one way or another cannot fail to set the urbanites who are without employment to wishing. \*\*\*\*\* It may not be so, but the aid given to farmers, in absence of like encouragement to urban business interests, seems to be one-sided. (837054)

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## (6) An inequitable tax.

BUFFALO, N. Y. NEWS. R. 8/29. The announcement by Chester C. Davis of the A. A. A., that before the end of 1935 the AAA will have paid the farmers more than \$1,000,000,000 for not growing more than allotted amounts of agricultural products, is worthy of serious attention. \*\*\*\*\* The consumer can not afford to pay the farmer \$1,000,000,000 every two years or so. (837072)

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- (1) The end is grief.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/22. I have just read Professor Tugwell's article in the Magazine Section in which he sets forth the accomplishments of the New Deal and what he hopes to accomplish. \*\*\*\*\* Oh for a bit of the common sense that we had in the White House in the days of Cal Coolidge! As for Herbert Hoover, I would prefer one of his old fishing hats to the whole New Deal outfit that we now have in Washington. We are headed for the rocks, and the sooner the American people wake up the better. (15370\*)

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News Columns

- (2) Farm groups are merged.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. R. 8/17. (Madison, Wis. A.P.) The Farmers' Union and the American Society of Equity were consolidated Thursday, forming a combination of 50,000 farmers to promote rural education. The new organization will be known as the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Equity Union of America. \*\*\*\*\* Members of the Farm Holiday Association in Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Milk Pool have been urged to join the new union. \*\*\*\*\* It was pointed out by officers of the new union, however, that the milk pool is primarily a business organization, while the new group is educational in purpose. (15356\*)

- (3) Campaign on to force middleman to absorb higher costs on farm.  
DENVER POST. I. 8/21. (15357\*)

- (4) Crop control to continue.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. I. 8/16. Very recently there has been discussion of the effect the drought would have on the AAA's program of crop control, and apparently many were led to believe that it would be abandoned, particularly for wheat. Circulation of such ideas is far from helpful to the commodity markets. \*\*\*\*\* The Administrator plainly declares that reduction through the drought does not mean abandonment of the program, but that steps will be taken to carry out the original plan of a balance between production and demand. \*\*\*\*\* The commodity markets are of too great importance to permit of their being disturbed by rumors growing out of uninformed discussions and it is to be hoped that this flat declaration from Washington will set the matter at rest. (15392\*)

- (5) "Singing in the rain," farmers greet storm in west.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/17. Downpour like cloudburst laves parched fields of Illinois and Missouri. (15393\*)

- (6) World economic upswing is noted.

BALTIMORE SUN. I. D. 8/20. Gains of "significant proportions" reported by foreign policy group. Survey discloses many features of improvement appear to be "basically unsound." (15346\*)



- (1) A.A.A. relaxing the 'iron hand.'

DETROIT NEWS. I. 8/27. \*\*\*\*\* Effective restraints upon extreme price rises will be welcome. The final verdict otherwise may be swayed by AAA's defense, after its new program is definitely shaped, but the crop reports furnish facts which are pivotal enough. A case is faced which involves the futility, either in politics or average common sense, of attempting to justify the theory of a work that turns out badly in practice. (15348\*)

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- (2) Food prices reach 30 months' peak.

NEW YORK TIMES. I. D. 8/22. Rose in 31 cities in July and declined in 19--all were 22 per cent above 1933. (15371\*)

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- (3) London is dour over effect of drought on U. S.

WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 8/15. (By Wylie King, London Financial Times) Summer rise in commodities finds English 'change apprehensive. Is the dollar in danger of becoming over-valued following the summer rise of commodities, accelerated by the drought? Some authorities are apprehensive that a further advance would be harmful to United States trade, making export values higher and consequently weakening American exchange. (15394\*)

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- (4) Great Britain to protest Australia raising tariff.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 8/23. Great Britain is about to file a protest against Australia's increased tariff on certain Lancashire textiles. (15367\*)

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- (5) It's butter vs. textiles in new British dispute.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 8/15. (By George Stephan) Australia and Lancashire are at loggerheads over exports. Australia's new tariff on Lancashire textiles has produced a storm of misgivings in Manchester. It is considered a blow to the Ottawa imperial conference agreement and all the cotton towns of Lancashire manifest strong feeling for a boycott of Australian dairy produce. (15396\*)

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#### News Columns - Pro

- (6) Illinois farms' cash incomes gain steadily.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. I. R. 8/28. (Washington, A.P.) (15347\*)

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- (7) Missouri sees prosperity returning.

WASHINGTON TIMES. I. 8/22. (St. Louis, Mo.) By Karl M. Kahn. (15388\*)

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- (8) Another estimate shows that farm income is higher.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. 8/23. First Standard Statistics, then Brookmire, reports how drought loss offset. (15342\*)

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- (9) Drought seen as balance to farm income.

WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 8/22. Corporation President says reduction of surplus will produce good final effect. (15386\*)

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(1) Trade upturn certain in fall, says review.  
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/25. Retail reports most encouraging since April, Dunn & Bradstreet finds. (15366\*)

(2) Expect 10 pct. gain this fall for dry goods.  
CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER. I. 8/21. Retail merchants find outlook bright in spite of drought; point to favorable factors. (15382\*)

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News Columns - Con

(3) New deal on the farm.  
INDIANAPOLIS STAR. I. R. 8/17. One of the outstanding characteristics of the new dealers is their calm assurance that they know what they are doing. \*\*\*\*\* Despite all the blundering before we had Wallaces and Tugwells to show us the error of our way, the American farmer prospered. He had crop failures in some seasons, but year after year he kept getting along somehow. (15390\*)

(4) Attacks farm 'relief checks' as vote buying.  
CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. I. R. 8/27. G.O.P. cites \$779,402,000 as total involved. The AAA expects to dole out to thousands of farmers in every state of the union and in Porto Rico, for crop reduction programs now under way, the grand sum of \$779,402,000. (15358\*)

(5) Fess depllores trend toward dictatorship.  
WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/31. (Findlay, Ohio, A.P.) Ohio Senator says many Roosevelt moves point to Absolutism. (15359\*)

(6) Foreign ships reaping profit, says Harriman.  
WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 8/24. Commerce Chamber President assails Wallace Project; U. S. shipping far too low. (15384\*)

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D A I R Y - M I L KNews Columns

(7) Milk producers seek increase.  
TOLEDO, OHIO BLADE. I. R. 8/28. Declare 10-cent raise is inadequate to meet costlier feed. (222899)

(8) Dairy prices due for sharp upturn.  
WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 8/29. (224130)

(9) Milk goes up; farmer gains.  
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. R. 8/15. Price 10 cents a quart Thursday; further



rise for labor possible. (15401\*)

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- (1) Milk control declared unfair among hospitals.  
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. R. 8/17. (15400\*)

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- (2) Federal buying may set back state industry 20 years.  
DENVER POST. I. 8/19. (Bozeman, Mont. U.P.) Herds to be reduced from more than million to about 845,000; purchasing program will prevent complete loss. (15387\*)

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- (3) Strike talk is heard among milk producers.  
CINCINNATI, OHIO TIMES STAR. R. 8/29. Farmers affiliated with the United Milk Producers' Association may strike unless they receive more money for their milk, Chairman W. H. Rucker, Constance, Ky., indicated. (222891)

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News Columns - Con

- (4) Milk prices again advance.  
CHICAGO DAIRY PRODUCE. 8/23. Fallacy of forced or artificial price level seems likely to be proven once more--business people grow restive as political and control abuses increase. (15344\*)

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- (5) Milk dealers file protest on new price.  
DAVENPORT, IA. DEMOCRAT. D. 8/27. (15343\*)

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- (6) Retail milk prices cut to 6 cents in war.  
SACRAMENTO, CALIF. UNION. I. 8/24. Storemen openly defy court order against slash under 10 cents. (222906)

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- (7) Producers to win raise in milk prices?  
DAVENPORT, IA. DEMOCRAT. D. 8/26. Dealers may "lock horns" with AAA if rates are advanced. Rumblings of a milk controversy, stilled since last June when a Federal licensing agreement was put into effect, were heard again in the Quad-City area Saturday as it became known that Henry A. Wallace may sign an amendment to the agreement which would raise the payments for Class I milk to producers from \$1.60 to \$1.85 a hundredweight. (221887)

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- (8) Dairy defies action by AAA.  
INDIANAPOLIS STAR. I. R. 8/10. "They can go as far as they like." This was the answer of the manager of the Greenwood Dairy Farms, Inc., to announcements that the government would attempt to prevent him from operating in the Indianapolis milk area without a license. (15395\*)
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## C O R N - H O G

### Editorial - Con

- (1) Creating a hog market.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. JOURNAL. R. 8/25. \*\*\*\* In retrospect, the plan of pork-production control doesn't look so good. Indeed, it is a bit distressing to hog raisers who went in whole-heartedly for the hog-killing, and now find themselves unable to profit from the rise. (835851)

### News Column

- (2) 'Lost' farms are revealed by hog bounty.

BOSTON HERALD. R. 8/17. Official underestimate of pig business in Middlesex laid to oversight. \*\*\*\* New England gets 1/2 of 1 percent of government's \$120,000,000 gift. (15403\*)

### News Column - Pro

- (3) Farmers obtain best hog prices in 34 months.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. I. R. 8/14. (15402\*)

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## C O T T O N

### Editorial - Con

- (4) Entangled in cotton.

ALBANY, N. Y. KNICKERBOCKER PRESS. I. R. 8/28. The government's cotton program long ago became too complicated for anyone who tried to figure it out without a diagram. \*\*\*\*\* The more the government succeeds in taking cotton off the market the more it piles up unsalable surpluses, and the higher it pegs the price the heavier the burden on the ultimate consumer. And the more difficult it is to see when and how it can stop. (836536)

### News Column

- (5) Mid-south harvests big crop of cotton.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. 8/14. (Memphis, Tenn. U.P.) While other sections of farmland in the country mourned drought-ruined crops, the Mid-south began harvesting the best cotton crop in years. (15397\*)

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## W H E A T

### Editorial

- (6) Our wheat dilemma.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/24. Unusual importance is attached to the AAA's policy regarding curtailment of wheat acreage in 1935, not only because of the drought, but because of the influence it may have upon the United States' future



position in the world wheat market. \*\*\*\*\* Other countries are crowding in to fill the demands that were once supplied by our agricultural belt. \*\*\*\*\* In view of this international competition, and the failure of the World Wheat Conference to agree upon quotas or further acreage reduction, the AAA is confronted by a serious problem. \*\*\*\*\* It was complicated and questionable, even before the drought, whether American farmers will ever again be able to compete on a large scale with other wheat producers. And the chances of raising world prices through international agreement are certainly not promising at present. Under the circumstances, continued restrictions may be the least objectionable horn of the dilemma. But such a program demands a clear understanding of its implications. (15374\*)

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Editorial - Con

## (1) More non-wheat raising.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 8/27. Drought or no drought, the department of agriculture is going ahead with plans to make non-wheat-raising profitable during the next crop year. \*\*\*\*\* This seems to be another case of New Deal planners rushing in where experts fear to tread. The United States might easily be forced to import wheat as a result of such overconfidence. (836550)

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News Columns

## (2) 300,000,000 bu. world wheat cut by drought likely.

ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH. I. D. 8/14. (London A.P.) London Conference, is told measures are still needed to assure farmer profit. Market surplus continues problem. Delegates told dry weather will not reduce stocks as much as was expected. (15398\*)

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## (3) Predicts failure of wheat parley.

BALTIMORE SUN. I.D. 8/18. (London A.P.) European expert predicts conference at London will end in stalemate. (15404\*)

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M I S C E L L A N E O U SNews Columns

## (4) Cannery boost prices for all fruit products.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. MERCURY HERALD. R. 8/25. With orders the heaviest in years and higher operating costs, leading California canning firms were posting higher prices for canned fruits. In some cases sensationally higher than corresponding prices last year, the price advance was reported by The Associated Press from San Francisco as a quotation of the California Packing Corp. Other local firms, however, indicated the advance was general. (224140)

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## (5) Canada checks exportation of cattle fodder.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 8/24. Ottawa action taken as precaution against big U. S. Purchases. (15383\*)

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(1) Canadian hay in demand.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. 8/22. (Winnipeg.) Denmark and Britain inquiring--  
Cabinet considers export problem. (15389\*)

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AAA - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

Editorials

(1) Where all benefit.

YONKERS, N.Y. RECORD. I.D. 8/31. \* \* \* The thinking public is solidly behind agricultural cooperative movements. It knows that cooperation is bringing stability out of agricultural chaos. It knows profitless agriculture makes general recovery impossible--and that better times for those who till the soil will be felt throughout the entire nation, in every industry and calling. And it realizes that cooperative managements, through far-sightedness and fair-dealing, earn the faith that is placed in them both by farmers and the public at large. (838046)

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(2) A rational farm program.

GALVESTON TRIBUNE. I.D. 8/30. \* \* \* Perfectly aware that the sort of "relief" extended to the farmers under the AAA was at best of transitory effect, and could not go on forever, leaders have been cudgelling their brains as to the next step. The objectives are clear enough. The farmer must receive a profitable price for his products. He must be protected from disastrous declines in values. The method of reaching these objectives is not so certain. One factor, however, stands out definitely: the American farmer can not depend for prosperity on domestic requirements alone, he must continue to dispose of his surplus in the foreign market. (838648)

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(3) Credit on the farm

COLUMBUS DISPATCH. I.D. 8/30. There are few businesses, if any, that do not depend for success on credit, and the ability to borrow at opportune times profits in the future. The farming industry is no different except in one particular, namely, that its operations depend on longer-time credits. (838505)

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(4) Says farmers can't be progressive.

MADISON CAPITAL TIMES. I. 9/4. \* \* \* Organized agriculture cannot support the Progressive party and be consistent with the purposes of organized agriculture--to secure for those who toil the full value of the products of their labors. (15441\*)

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(5) The Government and tenancy.

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST. 9/34. \* \* \* Between 1920 and 1930 there was an increase of 200,000 in the number of white tenants in the South. That was pretty conclusive proof that the situation was beyond the control of individuals or of individual states. The truth is that inherently and from its inception farm tenancy in the South has been a national problem. The fact that the government is at last being compelled to accept it as a national problem is one of the greatest potential benefits of a cruel depression. (15431\*)

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## (1) Tenant farmers unite.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS; D. 9/2. Tenant farmers of the South who, to a large extent, have failed to benefit proportionately from the relief which the Roosevelt administration has given to farm owners, are now beginning to organize. Leaders in the new organization, the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, believe that by united action the share-croppers can better their present plight. \* \* \* Whatever is the direct outcome of this effort at organization, it should serve to call to the attention of both State and Federal Governments the crying need of the tenant farmer for economic stability and for a more equitable share in the wealth which he helps to create. Assistance for this group is called for on humanitarian grounds and also as a means of placing Southern agriculture on a firmer social basis. (15439\*)

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## (2) First halt in shelter belt work.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT. I. 9/2. Forestry officials last week halted surveys in preparation for the proposed 1000-mile shelter belt. \* \* \* There may be discussion, either of abandonment or of rearrangement. Certainly the work was halted almost as soon as it was started. And soon after the drought fell into decline. (840091)

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## (3) Where the increase goes?

UTICA OBSERVER-DISPATCH. I. 8/31. Price lists upon food gathered in 51 cities are reported to have advanced during the first two weeks in August to the highest level since December 15, 1931. This report is made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics at Washington. \* \* \* There could be no great objection if an increase in prices of food commodities could be passed on to the producers, as this would result in general benefit. The money would immediately find its way into all forms of business; but if the middlemen, the speculators in food commodities, are profiteering upon the supposition or pretense that there is shortage, the situation immediately becomes a matter of public and governmental concern. (839096)

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## (4) Farm prices.

LOWELL COURIER-CITIZEN. Non-partisan. 9/3. The effect of the drought, superimposed upon the crop restriction programs of the AAA, has steadily driven most agricultural prices upwards. Are these price increases narrowing the gap between the prices received and the prices paid by farmers, so as to come nearer to the pre-war parity between these two sets of prices? \* \* \* A system of national agricultural planning cannot be fully developed from one year to another and its results will be evident only gradually, but it may work better in the long run than taxing the nation for the purpose of hiring people merely not to produce, without providing any more suitable use for the abandoned acreage. (838649)

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## (5) The drought.

SAVANNAH NEWS. I. 9/4. \* \* \* It has already been estimated that an income loss of about \$1,500,000,000 has been suffered by farmers in the drought-stricken states. The Federal government has paid out about \$1,000,000,000 on account of the drought. That brings the matter home to us very sharply, as the loss is not merely sectional but national in scope. (839934)

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## (1) No use kicking.

JACKSON DAILY NEWS. D. 9/8. The AAA feature of the New Deal is putting more money into the pockets of the cotton farmers of the South than they had a right to expect during the current crop year in view of world market conditions. \* \* \* Our Supreme Court has plainly held that human rights rank above all rights written into organic laws. That's that, so get in step. We are going somewhere, even if we don't know exactly where, and neither the mouthings of critics nor the verbal hair-splitting of lawyers will delay the procession. Challenging the validity of any feature of the New Deal is a waste of time and effort. (15409\*)

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## (2) Stand by the Administration.

SOUTHERN PLANTER. July, 1934. The tremendous improvement in the agricultural situation during the past twelve months has been a great boon to our farmers. Prices of farm products on the average are much improved, agricultural credit easier, and burdensome surpluses of basic crops greatly reduced. \* \* \* Those who would criticize the expenses of the various recovery programs, and compare them with the expenditures of the World War, should remember that we are now engaged in a great struggle, not on the battlefields of France, but in our own country, and against a foe--thanks to a great President--we will conquer. The money spent in financing this campaign has not been sent to Europe, never to return, but is being spent in our own United States. \* \* \* Our farmers should demand absolute loyalty to a national administration which has but one purpose--the betterment of the condition of all the people. (15445\*)

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## (3) Farmers feeling better.

SOUTHERN PLANTER. July, 1934. In keeping with the policy of having its staff of writers constantly in the field rubbing elbows with farmers and business men to acquire first-hand information on what farmers and crops are doing, a group of The Southern Planter staff recently made a 2,000 mile automobile trip throughout the territory. Although conditions were not exactly what all would like to see, farmers, merchants and bankers are feeling better. \* \* \* The interest in farm water systems and other home improvements at this time is amazing. With the prospects of better farm incomes good everywhere, it is indeed encouraging to see so much thought being given to increasing the conveniences and comforts of farm life. (15444\*)

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## (4) It's an elastic plan.

SIOUX CITY TRIBUNE. I. 8/29. It is quite evident that the AAA has not yet produced a permanent farm program, though it has established a principle out of which a permanent program can be and, we hope, will be formulated. \* \* \* The processing tax is the farmer's tariff and should be retained to give the farmer price parity with industry. Without price parity, agriculture never can prosper permanently. (837637)

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## (5) The farmer is a capitalist.

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST. 9/34. \* \* \* The farmer is a capitalist. He is close to being the original capitalist and the Southern landowning farmer was one of the pioneers in this field in America. \* \* \* Southern farmers have co-operated gratefully with the Administration at Washington in all of the measures which have been projected for the relief of agriculture. Their confidence in the Administration is very great--and rightly so. They are appreciative of the fact that never before have they had from Washington so generous or so sincere an effort to lend them the assistance which they desperately needed. (15432\*)

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## (1) Farmers face front.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 8/31. The Star's special correspondent describing the resolute and confident manner in which the Central Kansas farmers are wading into the preparation of ground for next year's wheat crop should not only dispel false and exaggerated impressions in the East concerning the "despair" of western agriculture, but his findings should give an even more wholesome reassurance to the misgivings of others not so far away. The Kansas farmers are not leaving the land. They are not facing starvation this winter; they are not giving up the fight in despair. \* \* \* Other industries better favored could well study the mental attitude of western farmers in their efforts to lift themselves out of a slough of economic despond. (839080)

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## (2) The Frazier-Lemke Bill.

MADISON WISCONSIN CAPITAL TIMES. I. 8/31. The other day the Chicago Tribune published a long editorial denouncing the Frazier-Lemke bill. It joined the hue and cry against this bill which was sent up by the banks and the insurance companies. \* \* \* This short-sighted, selfish attitude on the part of our leading men is more dangerous to the country than are the reds. Over 40 percent of all our banks failed. Now, in spite of this fact, the bankers are again commencing to tell us how to run the country. In spite of all the hollering the Tribune has been doing about the farmers, the banks got more money out of the United States treasury, twice over than the farmers. \* \* \* The Tribune is making a fake howl about a threatened loss of freedom of the press. If we ever lose freedom of the press in this country it will be because of the selfish, unfair and vicious tactics of such papers as the Tribune. (C. E. Dempsey) (15435\*)

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## (3) Purpose of Administration.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 9/10. The purpose of the administration in its dealing with the emergency of depression is, we think, clear. It is endeavoring to save our fundamental American institutions of free government, free industry, and private initiative. \* \* \* Agriculture, despite the destructive drought, is on its way out of the depression. It has the spirit and the faith to take hold of the handle and pump, with the sustaining expectancy that the water of reward will flow. This, unfortunately, is not true of business, speaking of it as a whole. Private enterprise in the industrial field continues to lag, even though it has made marked progress from the depths of the depression. (15443\*)

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## (4) More for farmers.

JACKSON DAILY NEWS. D. 9/6. Farm purchasing power is going to be up this year, in spite of the drought. Latest estimates are that farm income for the year will exceed \$6,000,000,000--fully a billion above last year's figures. (15421\*)

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## (5) Kansas neither down or out.

WICHITA BEACON. I. 9/3. Kansas is dry but not discouraged. Despite conditions of drought and heat, farm incomes throughout the state are 30 percent above last year, largely due, it is true, to the addition of benefit payments from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. (15424\*)

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## (1) Ohio's favorable position.

OHIO FARMER. 9/1. Ohio has suffered from drought this year but not in any measure comparable to the losses in states farther West and South. Even with reduced crops the farm income greatly exceeds that of 1933. \* \* \* There is no hullabaloo about prosperity returning, but still the income is well above that of last year in this state; and in comparison with other agricultural states, especially in all the Corn-Belt and Wheat-Belt, Ohio is in a most enviable position this season. (15406\*)

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## (2) Better Farm Prices.

SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. I. R. 8/31. \* \* \* Buying power is bound to be stronger. The cost of living naturally will be increased, but in the long run, provided price levels do not fluctuate too much, a healthier economic condition will be developed. (839923)

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## (3) AAA-?

SUCCESSFUL FARMING. September, 1934. (By William Johnson). Thoughts of strict government control brings farm anxiety. \* \* \* Faith in the AAA program rests chiefly on its possession of a vital feature that was lacking in previous attempts to raise farm returns. This is the provision for "whoaing-up" production through benefit payments for reducing acreage and herds. Lifting prices temporarily has always been a fairly workable feat. The trouble was that the higher prices brought on a deluge of supply that scuttled them. Now that is to be prevented, and many thoughtful men believe this is what will make the AAA plan succeed. (15442\*).

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Editorials - Con

## (4) "Farmers to get billion".

ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT-CHRONICLE. R. 9/1. \* \* \* Cotton, tobacco, wheat and corn-hog benefit payments will total \$779,000,000. Of this sum nearly three hundred million dollars had been paid out up to August 25. \* \* \* The benefits paid to Pennsylvania farmers amounted to \$2,257,000; to New York State farmers, \$760,000. These amounts seem small, particularly since New York and Pennsylvania pay 25 per cent of all the money raised by federal taxation. (838656)

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## (5) Crop control not needed now.

KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 9/3. \* \* \* It took many years to build up excessive surpluses. The interference by the government under the Farm Board and under the Seed Loan activities of the Department of Agriculture were largely responsible for the failure of farmers to adjust production to demand. \* \* \* Temporarily, at least, we need have no fear of overproduction even without government intervention. The problem of under consumption is the one which must be worked out in restoring prosperity both to agriculture and to industry. (15434\*)

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## (6) To maintain a balance.

TERRE HAUTE STAR. R. 8/30. Apparently all we need now to make economics coming out of Washington a working sort of thing is a law to make the consuming public eat pork at any price. (838658)

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## (1) Has AAA benefited farmers?

LANSING STATE JOURNAL. I. 8/30. Blanket claim was made the other day, for political purposes, to the effect that farmers and planters of the United States have greatly benefited under the influence of AAA. If that is so, we would all like to know it, but true information is not likely to come from the political handling of the statistical aspect of the matter. \* \* \* Another consideration that is inescapable is that AAA and NRA are pretty much in headon collision. One device appears to nullify the other in a very large degree. (15437\*)

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## (2) The pernicious price index.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 9/4. \* \* \* The Administration admits freely that it has done much for the farmer. It reiterates its story of AAA and other agricultural blessings. But all the people eventually will pay the recovery bill. Not so much has been done for the consumer. He profits, of course, in the long run, by whatever advantages the farmer. But the Administration fears that, if food prices go up, the consumers will think they are paying the bill. That would be bad, especially in advance of the fall elections. (15438\*)

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## (3) Auditing the New Deal.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 9/1. Hoping to present a favorable picture to the country in advance of the fall elections, the Administration is doing a big auditing job. \* \* \* They aim to show the Administration program moving vigorously to successful accomplishment. \* \* \* Around the edges, however, are a lot of volunteer accountants and auditors, persons of no official standing, low fellows, not minding their own business, not so good with palette and brush, but desperately accurate with pad and pencil. \* \* \* Always they are away off in color from the brighter hues of Administration picture. Such an audit, covering all major program activities, is being made serially by Business Week. Currently, it touches the great, sprawling, construction industry, which before depression used to represent eight or nine billions a year. It was down to two and a half billions in 1933. \* \* \* Covering all recovery program activities are reports from the Administration painters who use bright pigments, and others from the fellows who do it just in black and white. (15436\*)

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## (4) A.A.A. and farmers.

LOS ANGELES TIMES. ID. 9/8. Reports by Donald Richberg as chairman of the Executive Council are to the effect that farm income, not counting the money farmers will receive for not raising hogs, will this year be 19 percent ahead of that of 1933, while the various bonuses for nonproduction will bring the total to 32 percent ahead of last year. \* \* \* The farmers whose crops were ruined by drought and who have nothing to sell do not appear in this picture, nor is the cost of their maintenance considered in the A.A.A. figuring. Some people can be optimistic even over catching smallpox. Mr. Richberg appears to be of the number. (15446\*)

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News Columns

- (1) National Units urged to market farm crops.  
WASHINGTON STAR. I. 9/5. New Jersey Department of Agriculture experts, terming unjust the Federal policy of helping financially "certain groups of farmers," recommended that farmers organize national units to market each crop. (227936)
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- (2) Farm Bureau head says farmers must organize or sink.  
LONDONVILLE, OHIO, TIMES. D. 8/30. (15428\*)
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- (3) Farmers get better land.  
BLOOMINGTON, ILL., DAILY PANTAGRAPH. I. 9/7. (Chicago AP) One hundred Illinois farmers will move to richer lands with the aid of the government. (15412\*)
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- (4) Farm morale up despite drought.  
EMPORIA GAZETTE. R. 8/30. (John Collins, Abilene, AP) Farmers in central Kansas found to be more optimistic--busy in fields and hoping for rain. (15414\*)
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- (5) Iowa farms lead in sale.  
DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 9/6. Bring average of \$40.21 an acre. (15449\*)
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- (6) Land Bank financing.  
ALBANY KNICKERBOCKER PRESS. IR. 9/7. \* \* \* What the Federal Government will do if the 20 percent or any smaller or greater proportion should permanently default on interest payments is an interesting speculation. (840467)
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- (7) Paper and Alabama pine.  
MOBILE REGISTER. D. 9/5. \* \* \* In June, of this year, a conference of leading industrialists of Alabama was held at Birmingham to consider the future of Alabama pine in paper-making and a program was outlined. This program, no doubt, will be pressed with vigor, for we are on the eve of a vast industrial expansion in Alabama and the paper-making industry will play a big part in forward movements of the immediate future. (840548)

News Columns - Pro

- (8) Greater purchasing power in southern sections reported.  
ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT. I. 9/3. Reports from Tennessee and Mississippi in contrast with drought area. (15453\*)
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- (9) Trade in corn belt found not as gloomy as pictured in N.Y. market.  
NEW YORK, N.Y. WOMEN'S WEAR DAILY. 8/31. (By A. W. Zelomek, Economist, Fairchild Publications.) (226469)



- (1) N.Y. farmers gain millions in price rise.  
SYRACUSE HERALD. I. 8/2. Constantly rising commodity prices are adding millions of dollars to the income of New York State farmers, according to C. H. Baldwin, State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets. (226067)
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- (2) Farm income grows.  
EMPORIA, KAN. GAZETTE. R. 8/31. Greater this year than last in Kansas, figures indicate. (15413\*)
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- (3) Better Kansas farm morale.  
DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 9/3. Income up over '33 due to AAA. (15448\*)
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- (4) N.D. farm income will exceed 1933.  
ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 9/5. Rising crop price and Federal benefits will aid growers. (15425\*)
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- (5) Higher prices paid farmers.  
OMAHA WORLD-HERALD. I. 9/5. \* \* \* Every state in this country this year will have a farm income above that of 1933, according to a survey just completed by Sales Management. And every state, North Dakota and Rhode Island excepted, will have a higher general consumer income than a year ago. (15423\*)
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- (6) Rising prices help farmers of Nebraska.  
FLORIDA TIMES-UNION. ID. 9/3. (Omaha, AP) Recent spectacular advances in commodity prices have taken much of the sting out of the drought for the farmers of Nebraska. (15420\*)
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- (7) Coming back.  
NEWARK, N.J. CALL. I. 9/2. Farmers, mostly in the West and South, will receive \$779,402,000 for reducing their cotton, tobacco, wheat, corn and hog production. \* \* \* While the immediate benefits are largely confined to the recipients in the South and West, it is a mistake to assume that other sections of the country will not be helped. (833033)
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- (8) Stable farm prices urged.  
DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 9/3. D. W. Turner, Republican nominee for governor, advocated stabilized farm prices and profit as a cure for the unemployment problem. \* \* \* He said American industries, except the farm, are through power of organization and government aid able to fix their prices. He advocated the bringing of the farm within the "favored circle." (15447\*)
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- (9) Crop values rise.  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., OBSERVER. ID. 9/3. \* \* \* No class of our people needs more a revived economic structure than our farmers. They have been taking it on the chin about as long as could be endured. \* \* \* The Administration with all of its experts and intellectual geniuses has not yet been able to bring

about a fair reconciliation between the higher crop values and the ability of the consumers to pay the freight. \* \* \* Products from the farm selling high reflect increases in retail prices that the consumers are so far unable to contend against. In other words, their purchasing power has not been amplified in correspondence with the rise in basic commodities. (84015)

(1) Hits AAA critics.

ROCKFORD, ILL. STAR. R. 8/31. Hitting back at critics of the AAA, whom he decried as partisan politicians and enemies of the farmer, George Metzger, Chicago, secretary of the Illinois Agriculture Assn, told more than 3,000 Ogle county farmers that cooperation with the AAA was the only means of agriculture's salvation. \* \* \* He urged his farm audience to be non-partisan and "above everything else to support the AAA." "When the Democrats come into power, they wrecked the old farm act which included a lot of good legislation, and now, if the Republicans get in power they will wreck the AAA." \* \* \* Replying to critics of the AAA program, he charged that farmers would have been much worse off without the corn-hog and other crop reduction programs. He ridiculed opponents of the act for bringing the name of God into their arguments. (226068)

(2) Drought reveals the need of planned use of streams.  
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 9/2. (15455\*)

News Columns - Con

(3) Sees New Deal revolution as well advanced.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 9/3. (By A.S. Henning, Wash. D.C.) \* \* \* Returning to Washington after a month's absence and renewing contacts with the captains of the New Deal, I am impressed particularly with their satisfaction that the Roosevelt revolution is well advanced toward their grand objective--the redistribution of wealth. (15427\*)

(4) Consumer paying toll.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 8/29. \* \* \* The Administration's spellbinders may orate till doomsday about the wonders of the New Deal, but they will have some difficulty convincing a consumer of pork chops compelled to forego that item because of the pig-killing blunder. (838330)

(5) Plow under New Deal paradoxes to gain recovery broker urges.

NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE. IR. 9/6. Illustrating what is thought to be the almost general opinion in the financial district, G. G. Munn, in the weekly letter of the Stock Exchange firm of Paine, Webber & Co., concludes that there is no hope of an enduring recovery in business and security markets until the "ultimate gold value of the dollar is definitely determined" and "the New Deal welter of paradoxes, compulsions and bureaucracy are plowed under." Mr. Munn urges governmental reassurance to business, and thus echoes the opinion of many Wall Street brokers and bankers. \* \* \* Claims of recovery under the present Administration are completely denied. "It is a literal fact," the letter says, "That the only improvement to the total economy under the New Deal is represented by the measure of inflation. There has been no recovery beyond the first



splurge of dollar depreciation, and that was only for the first four months of the reign of the New Deal." (15454\*)

- (1) Better distribution favored to solve farmers' problem.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE. IR. 9/4. The answer to the agricultural problem rests on a revamping of the distribution system according to Col. George Seaman, head of the now liquidated Corn Belt Joint Stock Land bank. Surpluses and overproduction are largely mythical, he asserted, although he did not mention by name the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and its policies predicated on the existence of these conditions. "Farming is a manufacturing business and should control its own distribution the same as industry does," declared Col. Seaman, who engaged in farming for years before he entered the farm loan business. "It is operating under an archaic, antediluvian, broken down, distribution system. A complex marketing organization has grown up under which the farmer has absolutely nothing to say about the price he shall receive for his articles." Col. Seaman advocated contractual marketing, embracing all produce through the state. \* \* \* The present effect of current Federal legislation has been to drive practically everybody but the Government out of the farm investment field. (226066)

## F A R M   R E F E R E N D U M

### Editorials

- (2) Polling the farmers.

LANCASTER, PA. NEW ERA. I. 9/6. \* \* \* The decision of the farmers is of immense importance to city dwellers for the rising price of so many essentials is a hardship in these days of smaller incomes. The average farmer is eager to be permitted to go his way without interference and take his chance against competitors in an open market. (839909)

- (3) Active farmers should be heard.

KANSAS CITY, TIMES. I. 9/7. \* \* \* The decision to have a conference to feel the farmers' pulse and to have a referendum to record his reactions is worthy. To get the most out of both, it is essential that farmers and producers submit themselves to the test and that the referendum be submitted to a strictly representative group rather than limited only to those who have conformed or expect to conform to Government requirements. (15433\*)

- (4) Give all a voice.

CHARLESTON, W. VA. DAILY MAIL. IR. 9/6. \* \* \* This sounds very good, but there is one thing in connection with it that is to be regretted. It was indicated that, if held, the referendum would be submitted only to farmers who had cooperated with the Administration program. \* \* \* Any referendum on future plans that does not give all members of the farming fraternity an opportunity to express themselves will not be a popular referendum in reference to agriculture. It will be unfair to the industry as a whole. It should either embrace all farmers or none. (839907)

- (1) The responsibility of leadership.

DALLAS TIMES-HERALD. ID. 9/3. \* \* \* No matter how many polls are taken, the responsibility rests upon those who are in positions of leadership. It is up to them to look ahead for pitfalls and to serve as guides. They will be followed if they exhibit wisdom and sincerity. (839914)

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Editorials - Pro

- (2) Let the farmers speak.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 9/7. \* \* \* Farmers the country over should take full advantage of this opportunity for expression which they will have during the next few months, beginning with the corn and hog producers. The farmers' interests are those most directly concerned, and their views should be fully stated. (15430\*)

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- (3) A farm poll.

WICHITA KAN. EAGLE. I. 9/1. That referendum of farmers, proposed by Chester C. Davis, A.A.A. administrator, to determine agricultural sentiment as to crop reduction policies, will be a broadening of the original course of the Roosevelt Administration. \* \* \* But whatever the scope of the poll, it is certain to shed light on farm belt sentiment, which is now somewhat obscure. (839912)

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- (4) Crop Control plebiscite.

HOUSTON, TEX. POST. ID. 9/3. Commendation is due the A.A.A. for deciding to leave it up to the farmers themselves as to whether there shall be compulsory crop control in 1935. As the ones who are primarily interested in control of production, they are entitled to be heard. (839910)

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- (5) Farmer referendums.

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD. I. 9/9. \* \* \* Viewed in its larger aspects, however, the acts of the A.A.A. comprise an effective program to bring about the cooperative action among farmers which economists, for years, have declared necessary. \* \* \* Now, with Government aid and control, cooperation has been succeeding among growers of corn and wheat. In essence the farmer is surrendering no more of his freedom of action than he would in his own cooperative venture, but with Government regulation the chances for success are brighter. (15429\*)

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- (6) A challenge to farmers.

SIOUX CITY TRIBUNE. I. 9/3. It would seem that Chester C. Davis, administrator of the A.A.A. opened the flood gates when he invited a referendum by farmers on the future of Triple-A policy. Yet, one is persuaded to believe, that is well. Out of it something may evolve. \* \* \* The essential thing is to agree upon a broad fundamental policy of production and distribution of basic farm crops. The opportunity to do that is offered by Mr. Davis. The Tribune is satisfied the details can be provided and applied to the skeleton of principles herein outlined. (839913)

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Editorials - Con

## (1) A.A.A. proposes a referendum.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 9/1. \* \* \* That there can be no longer any doubt as to the success of the A.A.A. program, may be the conclusion of those in charge of the A.A.A.. In arriving at this conclusion they apparently have minimized the importance of the drought, which is responsible for a reduction in wheat, corn, cotton, hogs, dairy and poultry products, forage crops, fruit and vegetables far beyond any influence of the official reduction program. \* \* \* It is unfortunate that the proposed referendum is to be submitted only to cooperating farmers. There is a general feeling that the results of the referendum on the Bankhead bill were not representative of the opinions of all cotton growers. Those who have refused to sign contracts, as well as cooperating farmers, should be given an opportunity to express their opinions if the policies of the A.A.A. are to be based upon the referendum. \* \* \* It will be interesting to note the decision of the A.A.A. as to whom the referendum is submitted as well as the results reported. (839908)

## (2) "Democratizing" the A.A.A.

DAVENPORT TIMES. IR. 9/1. "Economic Democracy" is to be introduced into the A.A.A. through the referendum to be conducted among producers on the 1935 corn program. The poll will be taken among the million and a half farmers who cooperated in the 1934 adjustment plan. \* \* \* The charge is made that the Administration party is seeking to buy the farmer's vote this fall through a disbursement larger than the total appropriations of pre-war Congresses. \* \* \* The higher level of farm prices is fulfillment of a pledge of the Roosevelt Administration. A corollary of it must be increased prosperity in the cities, which are the centers of consumption of the product of the farm. As the farmer's buying power is increased to the degree where he can buy more of the products of the factory, the national economic balance will be restored but the present industrial lag suggests an urban resentment of the A.A.A. which may be expected to reflect itself in an expression on the New Deal in the November elections. Only as the Administration holds the West and South in the Democratic column will the A.A.A. have succeeded politically. (839911)

C O T T O NEditorials

## (3) South ready to trade.

BOSTON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. 9/4. The South's answer to the question propounded by Secy Wallace and Undersecy Tugwell whether it desires to retain its share of the world cotton market seems likely to be in the affirmative. (838642)

## (4) Foreign cotton markets.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 9/4. \* \* \* To England's policy of imperial preference we can make no valid complaint; yet, if our tariffs can be sufficiently revised and if our cotton relief program can be adjusted in some ways after the present emergency has passed, America's losses in the international cotton market may not be as disastrous as pessimists now fear. Henry A. Wallace, Secy

of Agri., is a thoroughgoing internationalist who realizes the importance of our foreign markets. He will give ready ear to emphasis of the international aspects of cotton production; cotton men should not hesitate to voice their opinions. (15440\*)

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#### Editorials - Con

- (1) One tremendous handicap in recovery program.

AUGUSTA, GA. HERALD. D. 8/30. \* \* \* For some unknown reason there has been tragic delay at Washington in organizing for the enforcement of the Bankhead law. Cotton gins in most sections of the South have been forced to turn away many truckloads of the staple because the gin owners had been unable to meet Government requirements. This delay in marketing cotton has brought about no end of confusion on the farms and in the cities as well. It has slowed up business, particularly in the Southeast, at a time when it seemed ready to go full steam ahead. (838641)

#### News Column

- (2) Price of cotton.

DALLAS, TEX. NEWS. D. 8/30. \* \* \* The loan plan bolsters cotton farming courage, assures a workable price for the commodity and puts spending money in the farmer's hands. That it has its good points is undeniable. But too much should not be claimed for a plan that will not work under all conditions. (838037)

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#### News Columns - Pro

- (3) Prosperous fall Mid-South's hope.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 9/2. Pegging cotton at 12 cents and breaking of drought bring confidence, \* \* \* Crop diversification being practiced on larger scale and successfully. (15425\*)

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- (4) Cooperative cotton gins are successful and necessary.

OKLAHOMA UNION FARMER. 9/1. \* \* \* Cooperative gins have saved farmers money. A little over one hundred of them in the state bear testimony to this fact, probably not more than six or seven casualties in the whole list. \* \* \* Many farmers are not educated to the soundness of the cooperatives. Many of them are ignorant of their own power and their own ability to make a success of something besides walking down a cotton row. \* \* \* Some farmers have been lead to believe that the Farmers' Union and the Cooperative Ginners Assn have encouraged high rates. The record shows absolutely the contrary. \* \* \* The Federal Government more than ever has recognized the value of cooperation. They have shown this by the splendid cooperation they are giving in the financing of worthy institutions through the facilities of the bank for cooperatives located at Wichita. It is a pretty dumb farmer who does not have stock in a nearby cooperative. (15415\*)

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#### News Columns - Con

- (5) Why give it up?

GREENVILLE, S. C. NEWS. ID. 8/31. \* \* \* The South must look for its prosperity in some other way than by deliberately ceasing to serve a world market for cotton, which now buys between six and eight million bales annually, and southern business men and farmers realize it. (838036)



- (1) World markets use less of our cotton.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. 9/4. Consumption of all cottons increased in year ended July, but costlier U.S. product loses ground. East Indian, Egyptian and sundry other cotton replaced the American product to a considerable extent in the world markets during the year, a report of the International Master Cotton Spinners indicates. (15450\*)

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D A I R Y

News Columns

- (2) Dairy industry needs.

SYRACUSE POST-STANDARD. R. 9/7. \* \* \* Our great dairy industry in this state is might~~y~~ sick. What is needed? Greater consumption of milk by city residents and reduction of the spread between the producer and the consumer. (840405)

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- (3) Milk producers call for removal of state control body members.

UTICA OBSERVER-DISPATCH. I. 9/1. Resolutions adopted by the New York Milk Producers' Federation, Inc. call for removal of members of the state division of milk control. (227141)

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- (4) Farmers lose markets by backing law.

SYRACUSE HERALD. I. 8/31. \* \* \* Dairy farmers whose milk is marketed according to the regulations of New York State's Milk Control Division are demanding that there be corrective action to protect them from loss of markets to those who ignore the State's orders, said Fred H. Sexauer, President of the Dairymen's League Cooperative Assn, Inc. (227142)

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- (5) Farmers call off their milk strike.

BOSTON TRANSCRIPT. IR. 8/31. Representatives of the New England Milk Producers' Assn, the Consolidated Dairies and the Whiting Milk Companies of Boston were in conference and terms were agreed upon which proved satisfactory to the farm representatives. Instructions were immediately sent to the farm centers in Massachusetts, and Vermont cancelling the strike orders. (225403)

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- (6) Milk producers strike collapses.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 9/4. Officers of wholesalers' organization resign after move fails. Little Rock's wholesale milk producers' strike lasted several hours and then collapsed. (15418\*)

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- (7) For municipal distribution of milk.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH. ID. 9/3. (To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch)  
\* \* \* With private corporation distribution, we are bound to have a lot of expensive overlapping; perhaps 15 distributors delivering milk to the same apartment house; overhead, advertising and other items that go to increase the cost of this necessary food above the reach of many. Municipal distribution

would come nearer giving the farmer and the consumer a fair deal than any other plans so far tried or suggested. (Albert S. Ennis.) (15452\*)

(1) Crisis in milk supply faced by Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES TIMES. ID. 9/2. Price wars and Federal activities reduce industry to shadow; ruin confronts producers. The dairy industry which during the past two decades has been built up in the rural areas surrounding Los Angeles to meet the fresh milk requirements of the metropolitan area is in imminent peril of being completely and permanently wiped out. To the people of Los Angeles this means that an assured adequate supply of acceptable milk is threatened. (15416\*)

(2) Idaho's dairy income higher.

IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN. R. 9/7. Ten percent increase in market shown over level of one year ago. (15408\*)

(3) Exports of dairy products larger.

(WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 9/2. Exports of dairy products from the United States during the first half of 1934 showed an improvement over the first half of 1933, according to the Dept. of Commerce. (225771)

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W H E A T

Editorials

(4) Continue control of the wheat crop.

LAS VEGAS, NEV. JOURNAL. D. 8/29. \* \* \* The doctrine of restoring prosperity by scarcity in the view of these experts is just as sound as it was when they promulgated it. If the Secretary is going to allow himself to be deflected by a mere drought or by the failure of the international wheat conference, he is not made of the stuff they thought he was when they left the solitude of their studies to pull the country out of a hole. (839950)

(5) Shaky wheat 'accord'.

NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 8/31. International cooperation for the common general welfare wins worldwide "approval in principle," but develops a disappointing tendency to go "haywire" in practice. (839077)

(6) Argentina chisels.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 9/4. Efforts to secure a still further reduction of wheat acreage by international agreement have been defeated by the attitude of Argentina, and it is even doubtful if the 1934 quotas can be continued in full effect. The South American republic is cheerfully willing to let other nations cut their production, reserving the right to disregard any agreement, in case its own production exceeds estimates upon which its quota is established. (849986)



## (1) Breaking agreements.

WORCESTER POST. I. 8/25. Recent discussions held at London on the matter of keeping down the world wheat crop demonstrated the difficulty that the nations seem to have in keeping their word to each other. It apparently is useless to make any international agreements on this subject because of the spirit of extreme nationalism that has come over the world. The agreement has proved of little value. Argentina has already broken it by exporting some 34,000,000 bushels more than her quota, her only apology being that a bumper crop forced her to get rid of her surplus. Great Britain also has violated the spirit of her agreement by continuing to pay a wheat subsidy so extravagant that it led to a six percent increase in her acreage in the past year. \* \* \* In other words, nations make agreements and observe them only when it is in their best interest to do so. (837866)

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News Column

## (2) No wheat exports.

HAMMOND, IND. TIMES. IR. 9/15. \* \* \* Farming has become one everlasting nightmare not only for the farmer but for the Government, and it is not one of those nightmares which can be obliterated by the votes of 36 states. (840407)

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C O R N - H O GEditorials

## (3) The price of pork.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS. I. 8/31. \* \* \* The law of supply and demand may balk the Government's efforts to establish artificial standards of value, and if the revolt against pork becomes general, farmers will not be better off than they were. (839928)

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Editorials - Pro(4) Corn loans

PRAIRIE FARMER. 9/1. A further extension of Government loans on stored corn removes any danger of having this corn suddenly dumped on the market. \* \* \* Such a plan, coupled with a flexible plan of acreage control, will give agriculture the stability that it has long lacked, and will do much to make it profitable. That is not "regimenting." It is not robbing the farmer of his "rugged individualism." It is not undermining the Constitution of the United States. It is just plain common sense. (18407\*)

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News Column - Con

## (5) Not-raising-hog profits.

BUTTE, MONTANA STANDARD. I. 9/4. \* \* \* The business of not-raising-corn-and-hogs threatens to tie or surpass the business of not-raising-wheat, which last year paid the farmers \$177,000,000 for the wheat they did not raise. It looks from the first installment that not-raising-corn-and-hogs is going to be better than not-raising-wheat. (840391)

F E E D S T U F F S

Editorial - Pro

- (1) Livestock feed program under way.

WICHITA BEACON. I. 8/31. \* \* \* The Government's provision of feed for livestock will save untold billions to the nation should its purposes succeed. Agencies are set up to enable livestock men to obtain feed at bottom prices through cash payment or by such credit as may be obtained. (839110)

News Column

- (2) Fodder scarcity troubles Germany.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. 9/8. (Berlin) Officials estimate million or two tons of corn, barley, oil-cakes will have to be imported. (15451\*)

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

News Column

- (3) New York Tobacco Exchange to be opened.

FLORIDA TIMES-UNION. ID. 9/2. Tobacco, America's third largest cash crop, will have an organized market place for spot and futures trading for the first time, when the New York tobacco exchange opens for business, scheduled for Sept. 6. Strange as it may appear to those who know tobacco only through smoking it, tobacco alone of all the important commodity staples of world trade has never, anywhere in the world, had an organized and recognized futures exchange. (15419\*)

News Columns - Pro

- (4) Growers in favor of rice control.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 9/7. \* \* \* Objections to the millers' proposal to drop the A.A.A. rice production control program this year is expressed by the American Rice Growers Cooperative Assn. (15411\*)

- (5) Problems of rice growing discussed.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 9/7. \* \* \* It is "absolutely necessary" that farmers keep in effect the A.A.A. rice control program if they are to preserve the industry of the South, R. E. Short of Wheatley, vice-pres. of the Arkansas Rice Growers Cooperative Assn and chairman of the state Rice Production Control Board, said at the annual visitors' day program at the rice branch experiment station near Stuttgart. (15410\*)

News Columns - Con

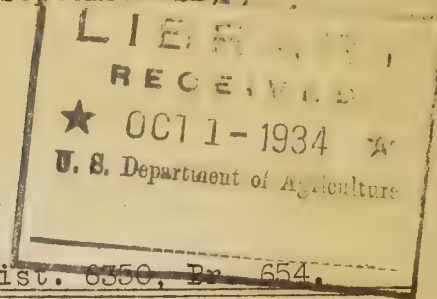
- (6) Shoe men fear Federal Plans.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. I. 9/1. Doubt Government contention that drought hides will not be competitive. (226464)



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(1) Farm bankruptcy act.

PEORIA, ILL. STAR. I. 9/13. The Federal Frazier-Lemke Farm moratorium act is now on trial so far as its practical workings are concerned. Sooner or later it is certain to get into the courts where its constitutionality will be determined. (843962)

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Editorials - Pro

(2) Permanence of the A.A.A.

FREDERICK, OKLA. LEADER. D. 9/6. \* \* \* There is much criticism of the A.A.A. Many an interest would like to see it abolished, and the farmer again made the victim of speculators. But it will not be abolished or weakened, if the interests of the farmer are consulted. And since it is the policy of the Roosevelt Administration to consult the farmer and seek to carry his wishes into effect in farm policies, it is safe to bet that Chester Davis knows what he is talking about when he says that crop control is here to stay. (841427)

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(3) Diversified crops working.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA TIMES-UNION. I.D. 9/14. Experiences of the last year or so, under the Government's crop-control plan and other efforts to revive prosperity for the Nation, have brought one result to sections of the South for which the affected populace undoubtedly will be forever thankful--the outstanding benefits to be derived from diversified farming. Thus the depression has forced upon the people a program agricultural and economic experts have been advocating for decades. (15458\*)

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(4) Time to look ahead.

CHICAGO, ILL. PRAIRIE FARMER. 9/15. Farmers can face the future with more hope than for a long time past. The surpluses that kept prices down are gone. We have in the A.A.A. a means of keeping production in line with effective demand which if wisely used will keep us from piling up new price-depressing surpluses. \* \* \* Now is a time to plan to do a better job of farming on the acres that we do cultivate, to improve the farm, to restore our pride in the looks of the place. (15461\*)

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Editorials - Con

(5) Coordination of A.A.A. policies.

BOISE, IDAHO, STATESMAN. R. 9/9. \* \* \* "The system of announcing one policy today and a contrary policy tomorrow is characteristic of what is going on in A.A.A. circles. That vast machine has yet to be coordinated." (842002)

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(6) Where will it end?

ALBANY, N.Y. KNICKERBOCKER PRESS. I.R. 9/11. \* \* \* Once an important section of the population (the farmer) has been brought to expect subsidies, what will be the limit to demand for their continuance and increase? (843056)

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- (1) Don't take kindly to paternalism.

LOUISVILLE, KY. COURIER-JOURNAL. I. 9/11. \* \* \* Mr. Young's point about the subsidy may, with equal truth, be applied to any other class of citizens. They will accept what is doled out to them but once the dole ceases, the government's influence comes to an end. The American citizen does not take kindly to paternalism (842547)

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- (2) Farms of the future.

KALAMAZOO, MICH. GAZETTE. I. 9/7. \* \* \* Machinery has completely revolutionized industrial production methods within the brief space of two or three decades, and who can say that it will not have a similar effect on agricultural production methods in the years ahead? \* \* \* Suppose farming were to become the delightful occupation which Mr. Wallace describes, suppose more and more people were therefore tempted to take up agriculture as a calling, and suppose more production with less work were made possible--what would the crop surplus problem be like then? (841423)

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- (3) A pleasant dream.

BUFFALO, N.Y. NEWS. R. 9/11. Not much has been heard lately from Washington about the tree belt plan of the Roosevelt administration. For under review the project does not stand up. \* \* \* And how to get sufficient water for trees in the semi-arid region which they are expected to transform--there is a problem of proportions. In the final analysis, the President's proposal doesn't make sense. With respect to many another New Deal scheme, advanced to work a magic, there is evident the same absence of substantial thought. (843431)

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#### News Columns

- (4) Seek to bring N.E. farmers into A.A.A. fold.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 9/18. Farmers of the Northeast, not sharing proportionately at present in the benefit system of the A.A.A. and still maintaining an old-time aloofness from the government, will receive an inducement to join in the government control and benefit program if the plans for consolidated farm contracts now under discussion at the A.A.A. are adopted. (15475\*)

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#### News Columns - Pro

- (5) Farmers are happy again survey says.

OMAHA, NEBR. WORLD-HERALD. I. 9/15. Collections better; ruralists prepare land for droughts. Buying machinery. The farmers of this territory are in a surprisingly happy frame of mind and already are getting ready for 1935. This was the report by members of the Chamber of Commerce agricultural committee who recently have made a tour of the state. (15459\*)

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- (6) The 1934 rush for homesteads from Uncle Sam.

UNITED STATES NEWS, WASH. D.C. 9/17. Competition for subsistence homesteads is growing, with a total of 22,000 applications for homesteads now on file with the Division of Subsistence Homesteads. (15463\*)

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- (1) Missouri finds farm incomes much larger.  
ASHEVILLE, N.C. TIMES. I.D. 9/11. Reduced crops bring higher prices, statistics reveal. (Kansas City, Mo. UP.) (15456\*)
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- (2) Marketing.  
PATHFINDER, WASH. D.C. 9/15. On the whole, things are gradually improving for the farmers as a class, and this means good news for every man, woman and child in the United States. A survey made by Advertising Age says "the purchasing power of the farmers is at least equal to that of 1933." (15457\*)
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- (3) Many western states already feeling the benefits.  
KANSAS CITY, MO. IMPL. & TRAC. TRADE JOURNAL. 9/8. Nebraska farmers are looking expectantly forward to their largest income from agriculture since 1930. (15464\*)
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- (4) Farm buying up--sets 3-year record.  
KANSAS CITY, MO. IMPL. & TRAC. TRADE JOURNAL. 9/8. Billion-dollar distribution of various A.A.A. funds during the current biennium together with commodity advances improves farmers' financial position despite his weather reverses. (15469\*)
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- (5) There are benefits.  
CLEVELAND, OHIO FARMER. 9/15. Regardless of how one feels toward the major principles of the A.A.A. program there are two distinct advantages that may outweigh any possible disadvantages of the program. The first of these is that consideration of the entire program is doing a great deal to enlarge the horizon of the farmers of the entire nation. \* \* \* The second advantage of complying with A.A.A. programs is the necessity for having records of past performance. Many of us have not kept as good records of some of our operations as we should and now when it is necessary to fill out the complicated records required by the A.A.A. we have our troubles. (15470\*)
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- (6) A.A.A. must be retained.  
CHICAGO, ILL. AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION RECORD. Sept. 1934. Any effort by organized commission men, processors and their allied to ditch the A.A.A. will be vigorously resisted by the organized thinking farmers of America. \* \* \* The A.A.A. has made a great contribution to the welfare of the farming industry despite some irritations resulting from initial efforts to operate so complex and colossal a program. The machinery it has developed must be continued, at least so long as American farmers are forced to do business under an economic system in which production and price control, price fixing and organized wage-fixing form such a large part. (15474\*)
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News Column - Con

- (7) A bit hazy.  
WATERLOO, IOWA CREAMERY JOURNAL. Sept. 1934. The position now held by A.A.A. officials in regard to food prices is much the same as the driver of a horse who simultaneously whips the animal and jerks on the lines. \* \* \* Food handlers in general operate on close margins and do not reap the enormous profits that some would have you believe. (15473\*)
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## F A R M   R E F E R E N D U M

### Editorials

- (1) Active farmers should be heard.

KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 9/7. \* \* \* It is essential that farmers and producers submit themselves to the test, and that the referendum be submitted to a strictly representative group rather than limited only to those who have conformed or expect to conform to government requirements. (842564)

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- (2) Sounding out the farmers.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. CHRONICLE. R. 9/8. \* \* \* To be of real value the referendum would need to reach those states like New York, where government relief benefits have been very meager, as well as those sections of the Middle West and South where growers have been well paid for crops that they didn't raise. (840834)

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- (3) Polling farm opinions.

MILWAUKEE, WIS. JOURNAL. I. 9/9. \* \* \* A bumper crop would put farm prices back where they were. The more thoughtful farmers will see this and will not likely be in favor of abandoning all control. Perhaps a bit more elasticity is needed to meet unusual conditions. Perhaps a good part of the program should be remodelled. But the farmer is not yet out of the woods. Certainly he cannot judge by a year in which a drought has largely done the work of absorption that foreign markets used to do. (842005)

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- (4) Passing the control buck.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. JOURNAL. R. 9/10. \* \* \* Washington officials frankly admit they are befuddled by the reaction to control experiments. If they can get a vote of endorsement from the farmers interested, they will consider this a reason for continuing the policy. If the farmers vote in the negative, the administration will have no hesitancy in dropping crop control. It is a political poker that is becoming too hot to handle. (842566)

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- (5) The farm plebiscite.

DAYTON, OHIO JOURNAL. R. 9/10. \* \* \* This is a step in the right direction. But we believe the government will err if it limits the voting to farmers who have contracts with the A.A.A. All of the nation's farmers, if not all its citizens, ought to be given an opportunity to express their opinion on this important question. Also if citizens who are not farmers are not to be allowed to participate in the farm plebiscite, we would suggest that the Government ought to go further and hold a plebiscite of consumers on the question of whether or not they desire a continuation of the processing taxes used to finance the A.A.A. program. (842567)

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- (6) One they overlook.

NEW HAVEN, CONN. REGISTER. I. 9/11. Apparently stirred up by reports that private sponsors were promoting a referendum of farmers on the continuation of the crop control program, with the yes-or-no question so phrased on regimentation and subsidy as to forecast a flood of unfavorable replies, the A.A.A. is contemplating a referendum of its own. \* \* \* But as has been the case so many times in the past, there is a forgotten man in these referenda. The consumer might wonder why he is not being queried. In this State, consumers have paid roughly \$2,000,000 in adjustment taxes on their food, garments, tobacco, paper and cord for the so-called



production control program, in paying for their portion of wheat that was not grown, pigs that were not raised, cotton that was not picked and so on. It is impossible for each consumer to know just how much his earnings have been sapped by the program; if he could, there would not be much doubt about the answer he would give on a proposal to continue the subsidy scheme, if given the opportunity to be heard. (842568)

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Editorials - Pro

## (1) Up to the farmers.

CHESTER, PA. TIMES. R. 9/11. \* \* \* It is doubtful if any man is wise enough to predict, at present, just how the farmers will vote; and that is precisely what makes the taking of these referenda a wise move. In the long run, no agricultural plan can succeed if it does not have the support of a majority of the farmers. To find out exactly how the farmers feel about the present program is a very sensible move. (842565)

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## (2) Feeling the farmer's pulse.

SAVANNAH, GA. NEWS. I. 9/9. \* \* \* We have no doubt that the majority of the farmers will welcome the opportunity to express their opinions, which will greatly aid the Federal officials in charting their program for the coming year. How many will actually respond will no doubt depend upon the method adopted for permitting them to clearly express their views. They will, at least, appreciate the fact that they are being consulted in a matter which is of such prime importance to the future welfare. (840835)

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## (3) Let discussion be full.

NASHVILLE, TENN. BANNER. I. 9/8. \* \* \* Mr. Young's views are interesting, but however wise or otherwise they may be, the Government is going to the farmer himself to find out his wishes. The farmer will be allowed to vote on the matter of continuing production control, the first ballot being taken on the corn-hog production control. (841425)

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## (4) The farmer to decide.

HAMILTON, OHIO JOURNAL. I. 9/11. \* \* \* Whatever may be determined upon in the way of obtaining a definite expression from the farmers themselves, a step in the right direction has been taken; and the department will be better able to design a program most acceptable to those who live and produce in the agricultural sections. (843059)

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Editorial - Con

## (5) Death on the prairie.

EMPORIA, KAN. GAZETTE. R. 9/13. In the coming plebiscite on the A.A.A., the acid test on the administration's achievement of a balanced agriculture will be made. In the main, it was the dissent of agriculture which made Roosevelt president. We have the New Deal because of his winning of the West. And by the same token the New Deal may meet its death on the prairie. \* \* \* It will be interesting to know what the unbridled opinion of the farmer is on the Scattergoods and the prophets of mysterious fulfillment of stern stone-faced security. The farmer may be the medium who writes another chapter in the story of American dissent. If the A.A.A. has exhausted its enthusiasm, all the tactics of brimstone

theology cannot resell it to the farmer. The Amos and Andy Utopia, incorpulated, shall have ended. (15462\*)

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C O T T O NEditorials - Con

- (1) Our cotton abroad.

TERRE HAUTE, IND. STAR. R. 9/12. \* \* \* The similarities between this British rubber control plan and our own cotton control plan are too close for the present warning signal to be ignored. (843671)

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- (2) Threatening the Bankhead act.

HOUSTON, TEX. CHRONICLE. I.D. 9/8. The Bankhead cotton control bill has plenty of criticism from persons and interests opposed to its fundamental principles and purposes, but now are being added the complaints of many farmers who are injured, or believe themselves injured, by the manner of the measure's execution. \* \* \* The administrators of the Bankhead act in this county are not to blame; they are following their instructions. The framers of the act doubtless failed to foresee any such development. Nevertheless it is here, and it is fostering a resentment out of all proportion to the actual amount of cotton affected. Next year's control program should be amended so as to guard against its recurrence. (841995)

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- (3) Fly in the ointment.

ST. LOUIS, MO. POST-DISPATCH. I.D. 9/11. \* \* \* So, if the crop curtailment program results in converting cotton farmers to diversification, thus making them more self-sufficient and improving the quality of the soil, well and good. The fly in the ointment is that many farmers, instead of turning from cotton to the production of food and feed consumable on their farms, have turned to other cash crops. Thus, farmers in Texas resort to wheat production on land they are paid to take out of cotton production, and thereby nullify in part the Government's program in such states as Kansas, where vast sums are being spent to reduce wheat production. And presumably, if it were possible to grow cotton in Kansas, Kansas farmers would be devoting their contracted wheat acres to it. (843048)

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News Columns

- (4) Co-op body to make advances on cotton.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 9/12. 12-cents per pound offered pending completion of U. S. plans. (New Orleans) (AP) (15468\*)

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- (5) Revision sought of Bankhead act.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AGE-HERALD. I.D. 9/18. (Washington) (AP) Senator Russell predicts move to allow marketing of all cotton. (15478\*)

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- (6) World use of American cotton is above preliminary reports.

WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 9/11. The world consumption of American cotton was slightly larger than preliminary reports indicated, according to a report issued by the New York Cotton Exchange Service. (15471\*)

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- (1) Chinese cotton crop up 15 percent.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 9/13. (By Don King) (Shanghai) An expected increase of 15 percent in the 1934 cotton crop should give China third place among the cotton producing nations of the world. (15466\*)

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News Columns - Con

- (2) New cotton fields.

DALLAS, TEXAS FARM NEWS. I.D. 8/28. While the United States is reducing cotton acreage by law and giving Government subsidy to growers, Great Britain, France, Russia and some other foreign countries are employing equally drastic measures to increase their cotton acreage and production. (15472\*)

- (3) Strife brews in Texas over Bankhead Act.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 9/17. (San Benito, Texas) Opposition to the Bankhead cotton control act brought fears of violence in the Rio Grande Valley. (15477\*)

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M I S C E L L A N E O U SEditorials - Pro

- (4) The future of corn.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA TRIBUNE. I. 9/7. \* \* \* If the commercial possibilities of corn were fully developed there would be a demand for every bushel now produced and more. (842000)

- (5) The new corn loans.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. TRIBUNE. I. 9/13. \* \* \* Whatever the ultimate purpose of this new loan program may be, it does have an immediate salutary effect as far as the farmers of Minnesota and the Middle West are concerned. It gives them an opportunity to renew their old loans at a higher price, thereby furnishing them with some additional ready cash. In the case of Minnesota alone it is estimated that this will amount to \$350,000 in additional funds that can be obtained on corn still sealed. (15460\*)

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News Columns - Pro

- (6) Grain cooperatives reported growing.

WASHINGTON, D. C. STAR. I. 9/18. Steady and substantial growth of the co-operative grain marketing movement in the United States was cited by C. E. Huff, pres. of the Farmers' National Grain Corp., in his annual report to stockholders. \* \* \* Urging continued support of the Federally-approved codes covering grain exchanges and country elevators, Mr. Huff asserted they "can be of help to the co-operatives if soundly planned and administered". (15476\*)

(1) Farm program brings land back to grass.

SALEM, OHIO, FARM & DAIRY. 9/7. A large part of the 45 million acres of grass, plowed up in war times and put into surplus production, is now going back into grass, feed, forage, soil-building and erosion-preventing crops under the stimulus of the A.A.A. program. \* \* \* This increase in pasture and forage crops to replace surplus grain and cash crops is said by livestock men to tend toward somewhat less total production of milk and meat, but at lower cost and with greater net return to the producer. (15465\*)

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News Columns - Con

(2) Milk dealers score in case in U. S. court.

OKLAHOMA CITY, DAILY OKLAHOMAN. I.D. 9/11. First two rounds in the fight to void the government's new milk license law went to the independent milk producers as arguments in the case were continued. \* \* \* Constitutionality of the A.A.A. milk control is at stake, the producers contending the government has no right to regulate milk production or sale and that they should not be assessed for cost of administration of the license. (15467\*)

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(3) Opposes A.A.A. egg subsidy.

CONCORD, N.H. MONITOR. I. 9/13. S. R. Hazard of Saunderstown, R. I., president of the New England Poultry Producers, expresses the opinion that it was not advisable to make poultry and eggs a basic commodity in the A.A.A. (236019)

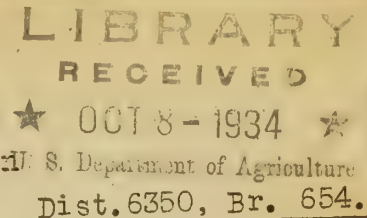
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Editorials

(1) To sign or not to sign.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 9/19. \* \* \* Perhaps the greatest advantage in continuing a program is in keeping intact the farmer organization for control. As a perfectly new thing with innumerable intricate details the administration of this year's plan was full of aches and pains. Another year's practice is needed to learn how to make it function smoothly. (15486\*)

(2) The farmer's better status.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. CITIZEN. D. 9/17. \* \* \* Undoubtedly Southern farmers are far better off today than they have been in several years. \* \* \* This does not mean that the agricultural leaders of the South are contending that the farm problems of this section have been solved. (845296)

(3) No food shortage evident.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. I.D. 9/20. \* \* \* It does not seem at all likely that there will be an extensive movement to advance prices more than seasonably, and the public has no occasion for alarm. (15497\*)

(4) Coordination imperative.

YONKERS, N.Y. SUNDAY RECORD. I.D. 9/16. A hard-headed milk and cheese man from Wisconsin says producers can never hope for a satisfactory price until, through their own voluntary action, they learn to control volume velocity and the larger percentage of output. \* \* \* If either farmers or manufacturers did not coordinate their production and selling methods, the old economic law of supply and demand will make them pay dearly for their mistakes. (844351)

(5) Farmers' Referendum.

ELIZABETH, N.J. JOURNAL. R. 9/15. \* \* \* The administration seems to be as confused as the country over the merits of control. If the farmers vote against it, that opens the way for its abolishment and a washing of administration hands of the whole program. (844347)

(6) Protective forest.

PITTSBURG, PA. POST-GAZETTE. I. 9/19. \* \* \* It has at least the merit of being on the constructive side, as compared with the destruction of crops and livestock. (846287)

Editorials - Pro

(7) Do farmers favor the A.A.A.?

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 9/25. \* \* \* Farmers are instinctively independent in nature. They resent, by and large, dictation from central organizations. In the present instance, however, they see the rank and file of consumers taxed to increase their own income, and this fact tends substantially to modify their reaction to Government supervision and regimentation now, even where it disrupts their usual routine and established farming practices. (15533\*)

## (1) Time to come forward.

St. PAUL, MINN. PIONEER PRESS. I. 9/15. Because the acreage restriction program of the A.A.A. happened to coincide with a drought of almost unprecedented proportions, critics of this plan of farm relief have been emboldened in denunciation. But it is easy to be wise after the event. \* \* \* If some one will step up and tell the administrators of farm relief whether there is going to be a drought or not next year, and just what kind of growing weather can be absolutely counted upon, he will be doing a real service. \* \* \* Perhaps the critics who know now just what should have been done last Spring also can tell what should be done next Spring. At least those who expect to be virulent critics if anything goes wrong should be required to go on record now. (844749)

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## (2) Ohio and the A.A.A.

DAYTON, OHIO NEWS. I.D. 9/16. It is interesting to note that the legislative committee of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation has put its seal of approval, after a year of experience, upon the agricultural policies of the government. There are criticisms of detail, suggestions of simplification, proposals of improved methods; but the policy as a whole, the committee decides, is sound and should be continued. (844355)

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## (3) Call for a vote of confidence.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. GAZETTE. I. 9/12. \*\*\* \* A referendum such as is proposed would be about the best practical means of finding out just what is the farmer attitude toward bureaucratic control of his production program. After a year of the experiment much confusion exists as to the sentiment toward it. To eliminate that will be something gained. (844346)

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Editorials - Con

## (4) Defense by A.A.A.

WORCESTER, MASS. TELEGRAM. R. 9/18. \* \* \* The A.A.A. has made a vigorous effort to win public support of its policies. \* \* \* Nevertheless it has not directly met the arguments of Senator Borah and others who believe that a bounty given to farmers for refraining from producing is a mistaken method, because it requires such close governmental supervision of individual conduct. (845287)

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## (5) Mr. Wallace's latest.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 9/24. \* \* \* Mr. Wallace, since assuming his present office, has done many surprising things; he has conducted the department of agriculture with a high hand; there are grave doubts in the minds of many as to the legality or constitutionality of many of his deeds. But no one except Mr. Wallace--when the Hawaiian sugar planters attacked the quota provisions of the sugar program of the A.A.A.--has gone so far as to assert that the Hawaiian Islands are not "an integral part" of the United States. (15532\*)

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## (6) Counteracting Wallace.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE. R. 9/21. The Washington Administration is still busy trying to take the curse off Secretary Wallace's pronouncement that it would be better for this country to ship its exports in foreign bottoms. (15524\*)

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## (1) Tugwell sails.

ROCKFORD, ILL. STAR. R. 9/14. \* \* \* Tugwell is an "idea" man and the Dept. of Agri. has been running over with "idea" men. Besides ideas are not always an asset in the face of an election, particularly if they fail to conform with the patterns favored by the electorate. (844348)

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## (2) Optimism on the farm.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 9/23. \* \* \* The drought was almost terrifying while it lasted. Gloom prevailed on the farms. Crops wilted. Humans found it hard to endure. But nature behaved handsomely, for the long run, doing in two months what the government in its curtailment program could not have accomplished in three tedious years, and then coming along with timely rains. (15531\*)

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News Columns

## (3) Farmers oppose "holiday" in Iowa.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 9/21. Board of directors vote unanimously against calling strike. (Des Moines, Ia.) Possibility of a state-wide farm strike dwindled perceptibly when the board of directors of the National Farm Holiday Association voted unanimously "not to call a farm holiday at this time." (15528\*)

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## (4) Iowa Farm Union denounces A.A.A. plan.

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE. R. 9/21. (Des Moines. AP.) The Iowa Farmers' Union convention was on record against an immediate farm strike to withhold agricultural products from the market. \* \* \* Immediate removal of Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace was demanded of President Roosevelt. \* \* \* They also demanded revocation of the processing tax on farm products. (15527\*)

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## (5) Farm banking system urged.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 9/21. Senator Smith would have banks own elevators, warehouses. \* \* \* "The fundamental difference between agricultural production and industrial production is so radical as to make a system of banking adapted to industry and commerce wholly unfitted for agriculture" said Senator Smith. (15489\*)

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## (6) 1000 farmer chiselers discovered on A.A.A. list.

PHILADELPHIA RECORD. I. 9/18. Administration embarrassed by cheaters who collected without reducing crops--local advice sought. (237726)

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## (7) Canada shows economic gains.

NEW YORK SUN. I. 9/11. Business index rises 20 points over 1933. Dominion enjoys steady advance since low point of depression. (Ottawa.) (15483\*)

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- (1) Farmers' income shows increase.

MACON, GA. TELEGRAPH. I.D. 9/20. (Athens, Ga.) (UP.) Georgia planters are profiting under government's plan to control crops. (15485\*)

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- (2) Farmers paying loans promptly.

COLUMBIA, S.C. STATE. D. 9/14. Production credit units have good record. Use tobacco money. Over one million and half dollars already repaid by borrowers. (237095)

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- (3) Farmers aid retail trade.

DES MOINES TRIBUNE. I.R. 9/21. Report says people are spending. (15518\*)

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- (4) Farm buying power rises.

SIOUX CITY, IA. JOURNAL. I.R. 9/22. Net income in Nebraska is expected to be small, however. (15493\*)

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- (5) Cash into farm states.

EMPORIA, KAN. GAZETTE. R. 9/21. Many have highest income in years despite drought. (15517\*)

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- (6) Drought can't beat Nebraska: farm income exceeds last year.

LINCOLN, NEB. STAR. I. 9/23. (15521\*)

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- (7) Farm states flourishing despite drought disaster.

LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I.R. 9/21. Aggregate cash income of farmers in Dakota, Montana, and Minnesota will probably be highest since 1930. (15503\*)

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- (8) Farmers enjoying highest income in years, study shows.

BISMARCK, N. DAK. TRIBUNE. I. 9/21. (New York, AP.) Northwest states getting more money than in any year since 1930. Cash is pouring into farm states, and despite the widespread prediction of disaster before the drought lighted in the Middle West, it now appears that even some of the states most seriously affected are enjoying the highest farm income in years. (15502\*)

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- (9) Farmers are paying loans.

OKLAHOMA CITY, DAILY OKLAHOMAN. I.D. 9/23. (15525\*)

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- (10) Farmers pay on old debts.

OKLAHOMA CITY, DAILY OKLAHOMAN. I.D. 9/23. Many to owe little after harvest season. (15526\*)

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- (1) O'Neal says four million farmers benefited by A.A.A.  
SIOUX CITY, IA. JOURNAL. I.R. 9/23. (Chicago. AP.) (15523\*)
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- (2) What the farm bureau is fighting for.

INDIANAPOLIS HOOSIER FARMER. 9. The Farm Bureau is the Voice of Agriculture. \* \* \* We must fight for the continuation of the processing tax in the A.A.A. This is the only effective tariff that agriculture, as a whole, has ever had, and will not only give parity to farm commodity prices but goes much farther than this--it gives the farmer-producers the power to organize themselves so as to control not only the production and marketing of their crops, but also the law of supply and demand--a strategic position that the farmer has never had before in the markets of the world. (by Edward A. O'Neal, President American Farm Bureau Federation.) (15516\*)

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News Columns - Con

- (3) Asserts New Deal blocks business.

PHILADELPHIA EVENING BULLETIN. I.R. 9/12. The Roosevelt Administration is accused by I.J. Williams, an attorney, with retarding business recovery, jeopardizing liberty and imposing excessive burdens on consumers through heavy processing taxes. (15480\*)

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- (4) New Deal an affliction?

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. I.R. 9/12. \* \* \* The New Deal, by delaying the natural recovery of the country in order to experiment, at immense cost, with the fancies of irresponsible theorists, has prolonged and probably increased unemployment. (15482\*)

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- (5) Fright the instrument that put over New Deal, Frank Kent writes.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 9/11. A scared people compelled their representatives in Congress to accept without question the Roosevelt policies, declares the Baltimore Sun Washington correspondent, commenting in his new book, "Without Gloves," on what has happened in the National Capital since March, 1933--sees prestige of the President as waning. (15484\*)

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- (6) Bureaucracy. "A national tragedy".

MILWAUKEE NAT'L BUTTER & CHEESE JOURNAL. 9/10. (by W. F. Jensen, Secy. American Assn. Creamery Butter Manuf.)\* \* \* Hailed as a humanitarian act to aid drought-stricken farmers, the government's contract for the purchase of cattle ties the farmer hand and foot to the chariot wheel of a dictator. (15530\*)

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- (7) Farm moratorium declared illegal by Federal Court.

NEW YORK CITY TIMES. I.D. 9/20. Bankruptcy Act amendment is held confiscatory, and so unconstitutional. Judge Chestnut, in Maryland Tribunal, says law tends to abrogate contracts. (238844)

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(1) Can we wait that long?

BALTIMORE SUN. I.D. 9/12. \* \* \* To block the Roosevelt program at the next session might easily be the surest way to reelect Mr. Roosevelt in 1936; the surest way to defeat him is to let him defeat himself by being shoved by a huge and greedy majority into even wilder expenditures and weirder experiments; to wait for the unescapable collapse and the inevitable turn of public sentiment. (15479\*)

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C O R N - H O G

Editorial - Pro

(2) The corn-hog processing tax.

TOPEKA, KAN. DAILY CAPITAL. R. 9/20. \* \* \* The A.A.A. is for continuing curtailment by the processing tax, and the farmers who have signed up heretofore seem to be of the same opinion. The referendum indicates that producers are taking a careful and conservative view, for continuing the program on a lower scale of tax, and leaving the final solution to be determined by later events. (15490\*)

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News Column - Pro

(3) Continuance of corn-hog cut urged.

ST. PAUL, MINN. NEWS. I. 9/15. Farm leaders of five Northwest states praise A.A.A. efforts at "U" farm conference. (237773\*)

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News Columns - Con.

(4) Grangers start war on corn-hog program for '35.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 9/23. Jefferson county group hopes to start protest that will sweep nation like wildfire. (15529\*)

(5) Simpler plan urged.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. STAR. I.R. 9/12. Purdue Dean warns of red tape in corn-hog program. (15481\*)

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C O T T O N

Editorial

(6) Mr. Sealy's cotton views.

HOUSTON, TEXAS POST. I.D. 9/16. \* \* \* The country has reached the point where it must decide whether it will adopt economic Nationalism or revise its tariff system. Economic Nationalism will be fatal to Southern agriculture. Mr. Sealy, Commissioner McDonald, and other thinking men in Texas are earnestly endeavoring to save agriculture in this State by advocating policies that will save the foreign markets to Texas farmers. (844756)



## (1) Sardonic note.

BALTIMORE SUN. I.D. 9/20. There is a great deal of concern among the Senators of the cotton belt, including Senator Bankhead, over the operation of the Bankhead Cotton Control Act. They have been holding conferences with Secretary Wallace, urging him to get the President to suspend the operation of the law immediately. \* \* \* There is something rather interesting about the behavior of a group of Senators who plead for the suspension of the law they advocated the minute it begins to work. (845990)

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News Columns - Pro

## (2) Cotton Plow-Up checks spent for the barest necessities.

EMPORIA, KAN. GAZETTE. R. 9/21. (15522\*)

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## (3) Retention urged for cotton bill.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 9/21. (15499\*)

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## (4) Bankhead Act end "breaking faith" co-op declares.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 9/22. Suspension would penalize growers who cut acreage. (15519\*)

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News Column - Con

## (5) Georgia farmer says Bankhead Law will ruin small producer.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 9/21. (15500\*)

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DAIRY - MILK

Editorial

## (6) Not enough milk is consumed.

KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 9/20. The outstanding fact brought out by the national milk survey is that the average consumption of milk in large centers of population is less than that which is necessary to meet minimum nutritional needs. (15515\*)

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News Columns - Pro

## (7) The more-milk movement.

SAVANNAH, GA. NEWS. I. 9/16. The nation's health should be strengthened by the A.A.A.'s latest objective, which calls for a pint of milk a day for all children. Co-operating toward the fulfillment of this desire will be the joint work of national women's organizations and Dr. Fred C. Howe, counsel of the national adjustment administration. \* \* \* The movement looks more sensible than some others, such as the destruction of crops. (844350)

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## (1) Biggest farm co-op profits.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 9/19. The world's largest farm co-operative, the Farmers' National Grain corporation, went into the red by \$622,503 in its fiscal year ended in June. But the corporation, launched in '29 as the marketing outlet for the co-operative movement, made profits of \$683,182 between the end of its bookkeeping year June 30 and August 31, the officers reported in the annual meeting. \* \* \* Resolutions were passed reaffirming the organization's support of the A.A.A. program and calling on congress for legislation extending and redefining the rights of co-operatives on contract markets. (15487\*)

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M I S C E L L A N E O U SNews Column - Pro

## (2) Tobacco prices show big gain for 1934.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 9/21. (15498\*)

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News Columns

## (3) Ten arrested for wheat smuggling.

BISMARCK, N. DAK. TRIBUNE. I. 9/18. Uncle Sam's agents struck with force along the northern border of North Dakota Tuesday in a move to put a halt to wheat smuggling from Canada into the United States. (15496\*)

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## (4) Rice industry to begin advertising.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. I.D. 9/23. Fund set aside through marketing agreement to be used. \* \* \* Millers and distributors, it was said, have asked their brokers and other representatives in the cities in which the cooking schools are to be held co-operate in the movement to increase domestic consumption. \* \* \* Demonstrations were held in several cities of the South during fairs and other expositions and several firms have used newspaper and magazine space to advertise their individual brands. (15520\*)

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## (5) Puzzle seen in allotment of beet sugar.

SALT LAKE CITY TRIBUNE. I. 9/20. New factory applications point to trouble for A.A.A. (15488\*)

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## (6) Farmers are rushing tobacco to market.

RALEIGH, N.C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 9/22. Veteran warehouseman predicts it will all be sold in month. 15491\*)

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